



Teaching and Learning  
Mary Eich, Assistant Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

To: David Fleishman, Superintendent of Schools  
From: Mary Eich, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning  
Richard King, K-8 Fine Arts Coordinator  
Megan Leary-Crist, Fine and Performing Arts Department Head, Newton South  
Todd Young, Fine and Performing Arts Department Head, Newton North  
Date: May 8, 2019  
Re: Update on Arts Education in the Newton Public Schools

Attached is our report on Arts Education in the Newton Public Schools and a recent article from the Brookings Institute, "New Evidence about the Benefits of Arts Education," by Brian Kisida and Daniel H Bowen.

Our Fine and Performing Arts leadership team, Todd Young, Megan Leary-Crist, and Richard King, will join me at the School Committee meeting on Monday to present a few highlights from our report, and provide examples of some our students' extraordinary work.

We look forward to meeting with you on Monday.