

Question for Education Committee for December 13, 2011

On Oct 18, ACA spoke about equitable funding for all arts areas. We stated that the extra funding for instrumental music was clearly an important first step in providing equity for all the Arts areas in the elementary/Intermediate curriculum, but also spoke about the need for equitable funding for the other 3 arts areas.

We specifically asked what would be the projected budget of the incremental funding that would now be required to provide support for consumables, equipment, maintenance etc in the Visual Arts, Dance and Drama Curricula at the Elementary/ Intermediate levels.

Both Superintendent Buffone and Associate Director Piovesan responded, and Associate Director Piovesan noted that he was collecting data from schools regarding their current and future needs and their intended use of the funding allocation.

Since the question was originally posed in October, ACA would now like to know what is being done to address the equity issue of funding to all the arts areas.

Specifically, what is the projected budget of the incremental funding that will be required to provide support for consumables, equipment, maintenance etc in the Visual Arts, Dance and Drama Curricula at the Elementary/ Intermediate levels.

Given that the budget time is approaching, it seems important to have that information fairly quickly.