

Date: August 19, 2015
To: Members, Cultural Affairs Council
From: Michael Spring
Subject: FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Enrichment Program Grant Award Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the funding of 33 grants for a total of \$450,000.00 from the FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Cultural Affairs FY 2015-2016 Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) convened on July 9, 2015 to review 40 applications requesting a total of \$583,120.00. The YEP Grants Panel was chaired by Cultural Affairs Council member Alejandro Aguirre and Councilor Mireille Chancy-Gonzalez also served on the panel. The Panel recommended funding 33 applications for a total of \$450,000.00. Seven (7) applications scored below the threshold established by the Panel and were not recommended for funding.

The Youth Arts Enrichment Program was created as a joint initiative of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and The Children's Trust. The objective of the YEP Grants Program is to enrich the lives of children through the arts by making the arts available to more children and families throughout Miami-Dade County, whereby children will have opportunities to have positive live arts experiences through:

- Arts Instruction
- Arts Intervention
- Healing/Expressive Arts
- In-school Performances
- Public Performances/Exhibitions

Applicants to this program must have a minimum two-year track record of providing high quality, cultural arts programs for children and/or youth. Units of government and educational institutions such as schools, colleges and universities may not apply.

The Youth Arts Enrichment Program (YEP) is structured into two funding categories:

CATEGORY A: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts, such as sequential arts instruction, after-school arts programs, in-school arts residency programs, etc. These projects must be able to measure the impact of repeated participation in these programs on the students over the project period. **Applicants in Category A may request up to \$25,000.**

CATEGORY B: Provides project-based funding support to non-profit organizations for arts enrichment experiences for children and youth. **Applicants in Category B may request up to \$10,000.**

The Panel specifically evaluated each applicant organization based on the following competitive review criteria: 1) impact, 2) artistic merit, 3) management and financial capability, and 4) reach, giving priority attention to: projects that addressed children whose ability to participate in such programs may be limited by geography, economics or disability; and projects that provide children and youth the opportunity for ongoing/long-term direct participation in the arts.

Attached is a list describing the projects recommended for funding.

Funding for the Youth Arts Enrichment Program is derived from funding granted to the Department from The Children's Trust (\$450,000.00). All funding recommendations are contingent upon approval of the Department of Cultural Affairs' FY 2015-2016 budget by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Mayor, and are subject to the availability of funds.

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1. Alhambra Music, Inc.

1015 Country Club Prado
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 800

Community Orchestra Youth Outreach

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support 7-9 school visits, an in-school concert, a concerto competition with concert, and scholarships to a chamber workshop. Over 800 students, ages 6-18, will be reached from October 2015 to May 2016 at schools and venues throughout the county. Activities include interactive listening and discussion, with performance and coaching for music students. Participants will engage in group sessions and guided listening; they will learn about music and its role in our lives.

2. Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida, Inc.

15939 Biscayne Boulevard
North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 2,400

Arts Ballet Goes to School

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support Arts Ballet Goes to School for students, ages 6 to 17, from October 1, 2015 to May 30, 2016 at 11 public schools in Miami-Dade. Project activities will include ballet and music lectures and performances. Participants will engage in ballet and music activities and benefit from learning to understand ballet and become future young audiences in our county.

3. ArtSouth, A Not-For-Profit Corporation

5825 SW 68th Street, Suite 2/202
Miami, Florida 33143

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 400

Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC)

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Grant funds will be used to support Arts Beyond the Classroom (ABC) for 400 students, ages 4-17, October 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016 at ArtSouth in the City of South Miami. Project activities will include transforming youth through singing, dancing, painting and drawing. Participants will engage in 2-D and 3-D multimedia art, musical expression, playing simple musical instruments, modern dance, classical dance and service learning experiences and benefit from lasting training in art and performance.

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4. Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc.

561 NW 32 Street

Miami, Florida 33127

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 450

Expansion of Bakehouse Art Complex In-School Artist Residency Program

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support the expansion of the Bakehouse Art Complex (BAC) In-School Artist Residency Program for 450 students, ages 8-15, during the 2015-16 school year at three public schools: Jose de Diego Middle, Santa Clara Elementary, and Ada Merritt K-8, all in Wynwood/downtown Miami. Project activities will include visual arts instruction in various media taught by BAC resident artists. Expansion includes more participants per school who will benefit from direct exposure to career artists.

5. City Theatre, Inc.

444 Brickell Avenue, Suite 229

Miami, Florida 33131

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 20,000

City Theatre's Short Cuts School Tour

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support City Theatre's Short Cuts Educational Tour for 20,000 student , from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016. Short Cuts, an in-school touring program which goes into Miami-Dade County public schools, is an interactive and adaptive series offering the transformative power of live theatre to empower children with tools learned from original short plays comprising anti-bullying and self-respect messages for youth to overcome obstacles.

6. Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.

3010 De Soto Boulevard

Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 110

Create Out Loud!

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Grant funds will be used to support "Create Out Loud!" for 110 students from throughout Miami-Dade County, ages 5-18, October 1, 2015-May 22, 2016 at Coral Gables Congregational Church and Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove. Twice weekly, activities will include musical instrument lessons, music theory classes, and performance ensembles that develop creative ability. Beyond theoretical and practical learning, the project will build improvisational skills that instill greater imagination and self-expression.

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7. Deco Echo Artists Delegation d/b/a Center for Folk and Community Art

1800 Michigan Avenue

Recommended Award: \$8,960

Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 70

BULLYING - PART TWO

Grant funds will be used to support "BULLYING - PART TWO" writing and illustrating workshops for 70 youth, ages 11-18, October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at North Miami Senior High School. Students will learn about the perspective of victims, bullies and observers as well as use writing and art illustration to clarify feelings, improve communication skills, and expand creativity and foster understanding.

8. Delou Africa, Inc.

212-260 NW 59 Terrace

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 150

Youth Arts Initiative

Grant funds will be used to support Delou's Youth Arts Initiative for 150 students, ages 5-18, from October 1, 2015-May 31, 2016 at Liberty City Elementary School, Little Haiti Cultural Center, and Overtown Youth Center. Project activities include workshops, classes and student showcases. Participants will engage in sequenced instruction in African dance, African drumming, and traditional craft-making. Participants will benefit from increased art skills and greater appreciation of cultural arts.

9. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Inc.

10901 Old Cutler Road

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Coral Gables, Florida 33156

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,900

Arts Integration at Fairchild

Grant funds will be used to support Arts Integration at Fairchild and will engage 1,900 students, ages 5-18, from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables. Project activities will include visual arts workshops led by local artists, student art show, performance showcase, documentary writing/production and award ceremonies to recognize and showcase program winners. Participants will engage in visual and performing arts and benefit from small group instruction, arts training, and public presentation.

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10. Florida Grand Opera, Inc.

8390 Northwest 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33122

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 300

Opera Lab: A Laboratory of Learning Through Opera

Grant funds will be used to support Opera Lab for 300 students, ages 11-18, October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at Hialeah Middle and Westland Hialeah High Schools in Hialeah. Project activities will include in-class workshops featuring elements of opera production including lighting, costumes, set and prop design, the science of singing, and the history of opera. Participants will engage in opera and benefit from arts integrated common core curriculum, literacy, and career development and exploration.

11. Friends of the Bass Museum, Inc.

2100 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 5,000

IDEA@thebass for All

Grant funds will be used to support IDEA@thebass for All outreach programming for 5,000 students, ages 3-17, from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at the Bass Museum's exhibition annex, in schools and at community locations in Miami Beach, Overtown, Little Haiti, Little Havana and North Miami. Project activities will include exhibition visits and transportation to free family day. Participants will engage in design challenges and hands-on art making, and benefit from the development of 21st century skills.

12. Friendship Circle of Miami, Inc.

8700 SW 112 Street
Miami, Florida 33176

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 44

Expressive Arts Program (Musical Theater, Art, Music/Guitar, and Dance)

Grant funds will support Friendship Circle's Expressive Arts Program for 44 students, ages 4-22, with special needs and 44 teen volunteer/friends from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at Friendship Circle in Kendall. The focus will be on the new weekly musical theater circle, in partnership with Miami Children's Theater. Other YEP-funded activities include weekly guitar circle and twice monthly music therapy. Children benefit from arts exposure by increasing their communication skills, attention spans, and interpersonal and emotional responses.

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13. **GABLESTAGE, INC.**

1200 Anastasia Avenue, Suite 230
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 15,000

Shakespeare Page-to-Stage School & Community Tour

Grant funds will be used to support the Shakespeare Page to Stage School Tour for 15,000 students, ages 11-18, October-November, 2015 at Miami-Dade Public Schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include in-class workshops, an abridged performance, post-show discussion, and a study guide that includes classroom activities and historical background. Participants will engage in theatre and benefit from hands-on experience with Shakespeare's language and live performance.

14. **Historical Association of Southern Florida, Inc.**

101C West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33130

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 540

Historic Site Visits Program

Grant funds will be used to support the Historic Sites Visit Program for 540 students, grades 3-12, October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at various historic sites throughout Miami-Dade County. Project activities will include photography, sketching, writing and book making. Participants will engage in collaborative documentary photography project and bookmaking and benefit from group work, critical thinking and increased problem solving skills through unique onsite programs.

15. **Karen Peterson and Dancers, Inc.**

11760 Southwest 72 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33156

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200

The 10th Talent Showcase - Inclusive Dance for Teens

Grant funds will be used to support dance classes for 200 students with special needs, ages 13 to 22, from November 1, 2015 to March 5, 2016, at 15 Miami-Dade Schools, throughout greater Miami-Dade County. The one hour per week, twenty week dance program, will culminate in a final performance at the Miami Senior High School Auditorium. Participants will gain social, physical, emotional and learning skills through the discipline of dance training and preparation for the final performance.

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16. Locust Projects, Inc.

3852 North Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33127

Recommended Award: \$8,960

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 300

Little Locust Art Builders (Little LAB)

Grant funds will be used to support Little Locust Art Builders for approximately 300 students, ages 3-13, October 3, 2015 through May 28, 2016 at Locust Projects' gallery space in Miami and during in-school outreach sessions. Project activities will include free hands-on art activities for children and their families. Participants will engage in artwork creation and interpretation inspired by contemporary exhibitions on view at Locust Projects and benefit from leadership and art production skills.

17. Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center, Inc.

6767 Crandon Boulevard
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 1,000

Colors and Patterns in Nature

Grant funds will be used to support Colors and Patterns in Nature for 1000 students, ages 8-18, from October 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center in Key Biscayne. Project activities will include exploring and learning about 165 acres of preserved beachfront ecosystems and creating nature-themed art with a local artist. Students will benefit from being outdoors, engaging all their senses, and learning to design, draw, and paint their surroundings.

18. Miami City Ballet, Inc.

2200 Liberty Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 30

Ballet Bus: A scholarship program for children. Everything they need, beginning with the bus!

Grant funds will be used to support Ballet Bus for 30 students, ages 7-10, October 1, 2015, to May 31, 2016, at Miami City Ballet School in Miami Beach. Project activities will include transportation, uniforms and healthy snacks. Participants will engage in the highest level of dance training and benefit from enhanced academic achievement, self-esteem, and an increased likelihood of graduation through a nurturing, supportive environment.

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19. **Miami Light Project, Inc.**

PO Box 1048

Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 650

Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support Out of the Box Youth Outreach Program for 650 students, ages 12-18, from October 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015, at The Light Box at Goldman Warehouse and at schools located in Miami's Wynwood Arts District and surrounding neighborhood. Project activities include lecture demonstrations, workshops, and matinees. Participants will engage in music, theater, and writing and benefit from direct interaction with professional artists.

20. **Miami Short Film Festival, Inc.**

247 SW 8 Street, Suite # 393

Miami, Florida 33130

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 2,500

MsFF Outreach Program 2015-16

Recommended Award: \$8,960

Grant funds will be used to support MsFF Outreach Program for 2,500 students, ages 11-18, between October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at schools located throughout Miami-Dade County. The project will include screening of pre-approved short films and will engage participants in visual arts experiences, benefiting them through strengthening problem solving skills, goal-setting, respecting alternative viewpoints, and appreciation/awareness of different cultures. Social network sharing will be encouraged.

21. **National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Inc.**

2100 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, Florida 33137

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 3,000

YoungArts Miami

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to support YoungArts Miami and expanded campus outreach for 3,000 students, ages 6-17, October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at the YoungArts campus, Colony Theatre and other Miami-Dade venues. Project activities will include master classes, performances, and exhibitions at which students will engage in dance, voice, visual art, writing, jazz, theater and more, and will benefit from exposure to the arts through live-performance/exhibition field trips and in-school presentations.

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22. **New World Symphony, Inc.**

New World Center, 500 17 Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Recommended Award: \$20,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 175

New World Symphony's MusicLab

Grant funds will be used to support NWS' MusicLab for 175 students, ages 9-18, October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center in Bay Harbor Islands; Miami Beach Senior High School in Miami Beach; Miami Northwestern Senior High School in Liberty City; and Miami Music Project in Miami. Activities will include free music lessons and an opportunity to perform in a public concert. Participants will work with professional musicians and benefit from improved music technique and teamwork skills.

23. **Orchestra Miami, Inc.**

PO Box 7598
Miami, Florida 33255

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 800

Shakespeare Project In-School Tour

Grant funds will be used to support Orchestra Miami's In-School Tour for 800 students, ages 11-15, from January 1- June 1, 2016 at five middle schools in Liberty City, Allapattah, Miami Gardens, Hialeah and Little Havana. Project activities will include lessons presented to the teachers in a study guide and an in-school performance of "Witches, Wizards, Spells & Elves: the Magic of Shakespeare." Participants will engage in music and drama and benefit from learning about Shakespeare and classical music.

24. **Saint Martha Concerts and Cultural Affairs, Inc.**

1235 NE 96 Street
Miami Shores, Florida 33138

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 2,550

St. Martha-Yamaha Arts in the Schools

Grant funds will be used to support the St. Martha-Yamaha Arts in the Schools program for 2,550 students, ages 8 - 18, during October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at the Miami Beach Senior High School and Natural Bridge Elementary in North Miami. Project activities will include master classes and in-school concerts as well as art exhibitions at St. Martha concerts. Participants will engage in and benefit from professional musician master classes, in-school concerts, and the opportunity to professional display their art.

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25. **Seraphic Fire, Inc.**

2153 Coral Way, Suite 401
Miami, Florida 33145

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 75

Seraphic Fire's Miami Choral Academy 2015-2016 Program

Grant funds will be used to support Seraphic Fire's Miami Choral Academy outreach for 50-75 students, ages 8 to 14, from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at 6 public elementary and middle schools in Miami-Dade County and two Seraphic Fire performance venues. Project activities will include choral/music education through engaging activities and lectures administered by both music education professionals and Seraphic Fire's own professional vocalists. Participants will engage in music and choral instruction and benefit from the related improvements in academic performance and cultural engagement.

26. **South Florida Art Center, Inc. d/b/a ArtCenter/ South Florida**

924 Lincoln Road, Suite 205
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 432

ARTreach

Grant funds will be used to support ARTreach for 432 children, age infants to 12, from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at the Children's Home Society shelter in Miami. Project activities will include drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, interactive storytelling and interactive classical music experiences with the New World Symphony. Participants will engage in art-making, music and reading and benefit from learning new forms of artistic expression and experimenting with artistic mediums.

27. **The Dance Now! Ensemble, Inc.**

PO Box 416525
Miami Beach, Florida 33141

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 175

Dance NOW! 2015/16 Long Term Public Schools Residencies

Grant funds will be used to support Dance NOW! Public Schools Residencies for 175 students, ages 11- 18, from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 at Southwood Middle, and Miami Arts Charter Middle and High Schools. Students will benefit from participating in dance classes, creative workshops and seminars, creation of new works, coaching, performance opportunities and a free performance at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex by Dance Now! Miami.

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28. **THE DAVE AND MARY ALPER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.**

11155 SW 112 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33176

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 2,000

From Home to Home: Jewish Immigration to America

Grant funds will be used to support "From Home to Home" exhibit for 2,000 children, ages 5-12, from January 10 - April 10, 2016 at the Alper JCC, Miami. Project activities will include multicultural arts projects, narrative writing and illustrating and learning about multicultural traditions. Participants will engage in visual arts, folk/traditional arts and history, and benefit from developing art techniques, critical thinking, communicating family histories and learning about various cultures.

29. **The Miami Children's Museum, Inc.**

980 Macarthur Causeway
Miami, Florida 33132

Recommended Award: \$18,120

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 75

Miami Children's Museum Arts Residency for Children with Special Needs

Grant funds will be used to support a new ongoing/long-term project from October 1, 2015-May 30, 2016 for 75 students, ages 5-12, from Active Learning Center, Miami, Crystal Academy, Coral Gables, and Carpe Diem, Little Havana and Kendall consisting of one arts interaction per month with dramatic, literary, musical, theatrical and visual arts during 3 visits to Miami Children's Museum and 5 in-school visits. Pre-post testing will demonstrate measurable benefits of increased cognitive, communication and social skills.

30. **The Murray Dranoff Foundation, Inc.**

3550 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 702
Miami, Florida 33137

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 4,500

PIANO SLAM 8

Grant funds will be used to support PIANO SLAM 8 for 4,500 students, ages 13-17, from February 1 to May 25, 2016, at Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Miami. Project activities will include piano concerts, music and poetry workshops, teacher workshops in music, poetry and writing as well as a poetry writing competition. Participants will engage in music, education and poetry performance and will benefit from how music and literary art influence each other

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and how to improve their expository and persuasive writing skills using music and music vocabulary.

31. The Musical Arts Association of Miami, Inc.

1444 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 302
Miami, Florida 33132

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 6,000
Public School Music Education Programs

Grant funds will be used to support the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Music Education Programs, serving approximately 6,000 students, ages 5-18, from November 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 at Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Adrienne Arsht Center. Project activities will include: two education concerts at the Arsht Center for 4th grade Miami-Dade County Public Schools students; workshops for teachers to prepare their students for the concert; Music Explorer programs which introduce orchestral instruments to students K-3; and a masterclass for high school orchestra/band students.

32. Tigertail Productions, Inc.

842 NW 9 Court
Miami, Florida 33136

Recommended Award: \$25,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 200
WordSpeak

Grant funds will be used to support WordSpeak for 200 students, ages 13-18, December 15, 2015-May 16, 2016 at 10 inner city public schools, community locations in Miami, Miami Beach, North Miami and Homestead. Activities include 4 artist residencies (2 guest, 2 area), 50 workshops, 10-20 performances and a CD. Students write, perform, learn writing and speaking skills, work in team settings, gain healthy communication and critical thinking skills, achieve recognition, and gain a greater sense of worth through poetry and writing.

33. Young Patronesses of the Opera, Inc.

c/o Florida Grand Opera, 8390 NW 25 Street
Miami, Florida 33122

Recommended Award: \$10,000

Est. # of Children/Youth to be Served: 15,000
Young Patronesses of Opera InSchool Opera Program - Opera FunTime

Grant funds will be used to support the In School Opera Program for 15,000 students, ages 6-12, January 15 - April 15, 2016 at various elementary and k-8 schools throughout Miami-Dade

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County. Project activities will include opera performances and student study guides and workbooks. Participants will engage in experiencing live opera performance and benefit from how opera and performance can relate to the classroom curricula.