

# Alliance Theatre

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Caitlin McMunn Dooley, Ph.D.  
Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction  
Georgia Department of Education  
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Dr. Dooley,

For the past several months, the Alliance Theatre has been involved with reviewing the new Georgia Standards of Excellence in Music, Dance, and Media Arts for Performing Arts. Rebecca Pogue and I served on the Academic Review and Advisory Committees and worked alongside dance educators and representatives from other community organizations to develop engaging and relevant standards. The Department of Education has successfully responded to the needs and input of educators, and the Alliance Theatre supports the proposed Standards of Excellence.

The Alliance Theatre is committed to expanding hearts and minds, on stage and off. It accomplishes this mission through its professional learning workshops for educators and arts integrated classroom instruction for students. Through these programs, teachers make connections between the arts and curriculum content and address the value these connections have for student learning. Students benefit from an increase in learning engagement and the opportunity to reflect upon and demonstrate new knowledge and understandings. We strive to embody high quality artistry and instruction and make an impact on Georgia's community of learners through arts integration. Using the proposed standards in Music, Dance, and Media Arts for Performing Arts, teachers will be able to expand their students' hearts and minds in the classroom.

The Alliance Theatre fully supports the proposed standards and looks forward to helping teachers integrate the arts into their classrooms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Moses', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line that extends across the width of the page.

Christopher Moses  
Dan Reardon Director of Education and Associate Artistic Director  
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