



April 19, 2018

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,

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra continues its mission of increased educational opportunities through collaborative efforts with the Georgia Department of Education. Members of the symphony's Education & Community Engagement division served on the Working Committee to create the Georgia Standards of Excellence in Fine Arts (Music). Over several months, Adrienne Thompson (Manager of the Talent Development Program) and Tyrone Webb (Manager of Education & Community Programs) offered their expertise as professional musicians and music educators, to revise and develop standards that would empower teaching artists and students alike. A series of thorough revision and advisory meetings (which included Georgia music educators, administrators and community partners) resulted in updated standards that will ensure a world-class music education, and will set the learning expectations in Georgia for years to come.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra believes in the power of music and its impact not only on cognitive development, but also its impact on student learning and motivation. We are confident that our involvement in the revision and advisory process will ultimately contribute to the development of well-rounded Georgia citizens who engage as educated and informed members of society. Our institution will continue its commitment to initiatives that provide educators and students with the resources to be successful. It is our recommendation that the State Board formally adopt the revised fine arts standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hollis".

Hollis Hudak
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