



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia intends to be a leader in education innovation; and

WHEREAS: Creativity has become essential to our work and lives in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS: Students need to develop 21st century skills to make them globally competitive and culturally literate to succeed in the innovation economy; and

WHEREAS: Arts education has been successfully implemented by other states to raise the achievement level of students and improve workforce skills; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia must attract businesses to help maintain its vibrant economy; and

WHEREAS: Businesses depend on the education system to produce candidates that are college and career ready; and

WHEREAS: Creative thinking and innovation must be an increasing part of our education system to ensure college and career ready students; and

WHEREAS: American education has not yet embraced the power of creativity and the arts to maximize student engagement, academic achievement, workforce readiness, and lifelong learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That an Arts Learning Task Force is hereby created to make recommendations to prepare the state to effectively improve the educational achievement and attainment of students through the creation of robust arts learning environments, which may include discipline-based arts education and arts integration.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That this task force will further provide recommendations and support the state's position in research and development related to and arising out of the integration of arts education into K-12 classrooms, including an examination of existing model arts education initiatives within Georgia and the experiences of other states and school districts.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the task force shall include 16 members, to be named by the Governor, which will include two school district superintendents, two school principals, two teachers, two arts leaders, two business leaders, two state-level education leaders, one teaching artist, one foundation leader, one parent, and one state government representative.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Georgia Council for the Arts will be the administrative entity for the Arts Learning Task Force.

This 11th day of June, 2014.



GOVERNOR