



**Chatham County Arts Funding Application**  
2019-2020

**Contact Information**

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Organization mission	We nurture creative thinkers in Chatham County.
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**Proposal**

Describe the program for which funds will be used.

**Program Title: Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative**

**The Challenge:** Despite top-notch educators and a demonstrated commitment to the arts, budget realities are such that our public schools in Chatham County cannot consistently offer comprehensive arts opportunities—especially in the elementary and middle schools. This is an education challenge, an economic challenge, an equity challenge.

An Education Challenge: Children involved in the arts are 4 times as likely to be recognized for academic achievement. In fact, children who take four years of arts and music classes average almost 100 points higher on their SAT scores than students who take only one-half year or less.

An Economic Challenge: 72 percent of business leaders say that creativity is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring. And nine-in-ten American adults believe that it is important for children to receive an education in the arts including dance, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts as part of the curriculum in elementary school, middle school, and high school. With the impending growth in Chatham County, we want public schools in Chatham to be great—both for businesses considering basing here and for potential employees considering moving their families here.

An Equity Challenge: Nationally, African American and Hispanic students have less than half of the access to arts education than their White peers. Right here in Chatham County, the wide socioeconomic disparity means children in some areas of the county have less affluent PTAs, little to no disposable family income, and no transportation—which means significantly less access to arts both inside and outside school. That’s a shame, since children with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a dropout rate five times lower than their low socioeconomic status peers. Not only that, but low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are twice as likely to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.



**Our Solution:** In 2015-16, we piloted the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative, which brings professional artists into schools to support math, science, language, and history curricula. Until that time, we were the only county in our region without an artist residency program. The first four years of the Initiative have been enormously impactful, and this year—for the first year ever—we are in all 10 traditional public elementary schools. We're on track to scale to cover the whole county—every public elementary, middle, K-8, and high school—by 2025.

Here's what's unique about our program, when compared to similar programs in neighboring counties:

1. **We don't require teachers or schools to find funding.** We don't want to take away from teachers doing what they do best: teaching. And we want children in a tiny rural school in the far west corner of the county to have artists, even if they don't have a big PTA to fund them.
2. **Once we're in a school, we stay there.** Research shows consistency is hugely important. You've got to provide successive cohorts of children arts opportunities to see the results.
3. **We engage artists that are experts at the art—and at the teaching.** That dual commitment to excellence has been instrumental to forming trust among CAC, principals, and teachers.
4. **We seek to enhance the curriculum students are already learning—not add another to-do to teachers' lists.** This work provides a new pathway to learning objectives without pulling instructional time.
5. **We are starting with elementary schools, and growing from there.** Elementary schools have the fewest arts opportunities for children, and this is where we can make an early difference that tracks through the children's academic lives.

**In the 2019-20 year, we plan to expand to bring professional artists for performance and workshop to every public elementary school in the county—traditional and charter—reaching 403 educators and 3,506 children.** There is serious excitement about this. Please see the attached letters of intent from leadership at all 13 of those schools—and from the Chatham County Schools administration.

The \$30,000 the Chatham County Commissioners have committed each year since 2015-16 have been critical to the initiation and growth of this program. With your help, we haven't just created an Artists-in-Schools program for Chatham County. We've created exemplary learning experiences for Chatham kids with amazing partners—an Artists-in-Schools program that the North Carolina Arts Council is holding up as a model for collaboration, excellence, and impact.

With your \$35,000 total arts investment, we were able to leverage additional state funds for the arts last year of \$40,152. And we've grown private support alongside that public support such that we anticipate closing this fiscal year with more than \$35,000 in private support for Artists-in-Schools alone.

Every year for four years, we've delivered excellent results in fabulous partnership with administrators, principals, and teachers. And now we're past maxed out. We can leverage more funding and more rewards for Chatham kids with a greater investment from Chatham County. Just like we needed your strong early investment to create this program, we need your springboard at the mid-point to ensure that we're in every school, every year, for all those kids.



**The Chatham Arts Council respectfully asks Chatham County to increase our Artists-in-Schools funding to \$50,000 in 2019-20.** Below, you'll see a plan for the thirteen residency experiences the Chatham Arts Council can, with your support, make possible for Chatham County public school students in the fifth year of the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative—as we're on our way to every school, every year.

We would welcome the chance to present to the County Commissioners about the success of your investment so far—and about this request and why it's critical to the future of the Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

#### **Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative Plan for School Year 2019-20**

##### **Residencies 1 and 2: Mike Wiley at Bennett School (BEN) and Perry Harrison Elementary (PHE)**

The Chatham Arts Council can bring nationally recognized theatre artist and Chatham resident Mike Wiley to BEN and PHE, and they are ready. Of the 7 schools Mr. Wiley has visited thus far, all 7 have raved about the experience.

These residencies will reach approximately 541 students and 74 teachers through a teacher workshop, two live performances, and student workshops supporting literacy curricula. Mr. Wiley will perform "Jackie Robinson: A Game Apart" at both schools. The performance teaches a powerful, curriculum-based lesson of courage through the stories of African-American athletes who pushed the color barrier to its breaking point in the Civil Rights Era.

##### **Residencies 3 and 4: EbzB Productions at Siler City Elementary (SCE) and Silk Hope Elementary (SHE)**

In partnership with Chatham County Schools and the AIR program of the NC Arts Council, the Chatham Arts Council can bring Chatham residents and nationally recognized theatre artists Serena Ebhardt and David zum Brunnen of EbzB Productions to SCE and SHE. The artists will collaborate with fifth-grade teachers at SCE and fifth- and sixth-grade teachers at SHE to choose a curriculum-relevant topic for student exploration.

These residencies will reach approximately 533 students and 47 teachers through a professional performance and the creation and performance of an original student work. EbzB Productions' professional performance will teach a US historical event as told through theatre and oral history documents. Students will then interview community members and create and perform their own oral history-based theatre piece.

##### **Residencies 5 and 6: Black Box Dance Theatre at Moncure School (MON) and Virginia Cross Elementary (VCE)**

In partnership with Chatham County Schools and the cARTwheels program of the NC Arts Council, the Chatham Arts Council can bring statewide favorite Black Box Dance Theatre with their Applied Dance/Innovative Math residency to MON and VCE. MON is engaged in a multi-year math focus led by principal Justin Sudol, and VCE is creating a framework for all VCE children to get the math help they need, so these schools are perfect matches for this residency.

These residencies will reach approximately 830 students and 105 teachers through professional performance, teacher workshops, and student workshops.



**Residencies 7 and 8: Diali Cissokho at North Chatham Elementary (NCE) and Pittsboro Elementary (PBO)**

The Chatham Arts Council can bring Chatham County resident and international performer Diali Cissokho to NCE and PBO. Through a full week of workshops at each school—with fifth-graders at NCE and with third-graders at PBO—students will create and perform a new drumming piece with Diali.

These residencies will reach approximately 670 students and 65 teachers through a professional performance and approximately 212 students in student workshops. Students will learn rhythm and pattern—connecting to math curriculum—as well as making connections to cultural studies and team-building.

**Residency 9: John Brown’s Little Big Band at Bonlee K-8 School (BON)**

The Chatham Arts Council can bring John Brown of Duke University and his Little Big Band to Bonlee School. Connecting beautifully with Bonlee music teacher David Clark’s strong program at Bonlee, John Brown’s group will share a full-school performance as well as classroom workshops, with an emphasis on contributions of legendary NC jazz musicians.

These residencies will reach approximately 253 students and 15 teachers through a professional performance and approximately 75 students through classroom workshops. Social Studies and music curriculum ties will be made.

**Residency 10: Carlota Santana Vivo Flamenco at JS Waters (JSW)**

The Chatham Arts Council can bring Carlota Santana Vivo Flamenco to JS Waters School. The dancers will share a lecture/demonstration with fourth- through eighth-graders, and they’ll lead classroom workshops with four classes.

The residencies will reach approximately 155 students and 12 teachers through a professional performance and approximately 85 students through classroom workshops. Social studies and music curriculum ties will be made.

**Residencies 11, 12, and 13: Artists at Chatham Charter, Woods Charter, and Willow Oak Montessori**

The Chatham Arts Council plans to expand the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative to public charter elementary programs in 2019-20 so that every public elementary school in Chatham County features an artist residency.

While specific artists are to be determined, we expect these residencies to reach approximately 522 students and 75 teachers through professional performance and approximately 180 students through classroom workshops.



How does this program advance your organization's goals?

The Artists-in-Schools Initiative advances the following three goals of the Chatham Arts Council:

Goal One: To educate Chatham County kids through the arts

We want to educate kids through the arts, and partnering with Chatham County schools on our Artists-in-Schools Initiative is the best way to do that. It gives us geographic, socioeconomic, and ethnic reach that we could not achieve in any other way. It gives the schools access to professional artists and educational enrichment that they could not otherwise afford. And the whole program links classroom standards and learning objectives with creative work in a way that makes sense for teachers, kids, and administrators. With the Artists-in-Schools Initiative for Chatham County, we are indeed educating kids through the arts.

Goal Two: To invest in artists

The Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative recognizes two of our county's most valuable creative resources—children and artists—and puts them together for mutual benefit. While the students are enjoying creative and educational benefits of the Initiative, local professional teaching artists will be paid for their work in the classroom. Teaching is a key source of income for many local artists, and quite a few of our Chatham and Triangle-area artists are teaching in neighboring counties and other states. The Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative offers professional teaching artists in our community a way to earn income for their expertise right here in Chatham County. We are investing in our local artists instead of merely exporting their skills around the region!

Goal Three: To honor the Core Commitments of the Chatham Arts Council

The Chatham Arts Council Board made a formal commitment to being exemplary, impactful, sustainable, inclusive, innovative, unique, intentional, and reliable. As we weigh our every decision against these commitments, the Artists-in-Schools Initiative specifically supports impact, inclusivity, innovation, uniqueness, and intentionality.

- **Impact:** With both depth and breadth, this program opens new pathways to learning for children who would not otherwise be able to experience them.
- **Inclusivity:** By partnering with Chatham schools, we're able to reach populations that have heretofore been challenging to reach.
- **Innovation:** In creating a model that allows educators to access teaching artists without having to add "find funding to pay for artist" to their already heavy load, we are certainly innovating.
- **Uniqueness:** No other organization in the county is doing this in a comprehensive way.
- **Intentionality:** This initiative fully syncs with both focus areas and our mission.

## Reach and Impact

Whom will this program serve?

The Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative will serve educators, artists, and students.

1. **Students:** 3,506 students at all 13 public elementary schools in Chatham County
2. **Educators:** 403 teachers at all 13 public elementary schools in Chatham County
3. **Professional Teaching Artists:** At least 5 nationally touring teaching artists who are Chatham County residents, at least 14 additional teaching artists who are Triangle-area residents, and at



least 4 additional teaching artists who are North Carolina residents

Tell us how you will measure the program's success.

We'll measure success of Year 5 of the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative in the following quantifiable ways:

Objectives toward Goal One: To educate kids through the arts

- (1) Completion of at least 13 residencies toward a benchmark of 23 residencies
- (2) A rating of "7" or higher (out of 10) on 100% of e-survey assessments by participating educators, principals, and students, toward a benchmark of "8" or higher on 100% of these assessments

Objectives toward Goal Two: To invest in artists

- (1) A rating of "7" or higher in post-mortem assessment discussion with 100% of teaching artists, toward a benchmark of "8" or higher on 100% of these assessments

Objectives toward Goal Three: To Honor the Core Commitments of the Chatham Arts Council

- (1) 100% of school/artist partners desire to engage in future residency, toward benchmark of 100%

### Budget

The maximum amount available is \$35,000. Attach a budget that shows how funds will be used, as well as other funding sources for the project.

**Chatham Arts Council**  
**Project Budget: Artists-in-Schools**  
**FY20**

	Total	Chatham County
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Contributed Income</b>		
Individual Giving	12,000	-
Corporate Giving	1,000	-
Small Business Giving	16,000	-
Foundation Giving	1,500	-
Donor-Advised Fund Gi	15,119	-
Government Giving	69,500	50,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>115,119</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Fee Income</b>		
Ticket Fees	-	-
Class Fees	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>115,119</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Programmatic Personnel</b>		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30,465</b>	<b>13,100</b>
<b>Consultant/Contract</b>		
Accounting	-	-
Web	1,500	645
Sound	-	-
Instructor	-	-
Artist	58,000	25,439
Other	-	-
Sub-grants	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>26,084</b>
<b>Travel/Entertainment</b>		
Local	1,000	430
Out of Town	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>Space</b>		
Rent	-	-
Utilities	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Equipment</b>		

**Chatham Arts Council**  
**Project Budget: Artists-in-Schools**  
**FY20**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Chatham County</b>
Repairs/Maintenance	-	-
Technology Upgrades	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	-	-
<b>Consumables</b>		
Office Supplies	-	-
Fundraising Supplies	-	-
Program Supplies	1,700	731
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>731</b>
<b>Advertising/Marketing</b>		
Radio Spots	7,280	3,130
Print Ads	3,750	1,613
Online Ads	-	-
Billboard/Banner	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>11,030</b>	<b>4,743</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Postage/Delivery	50	22
Staff Development	-	-
Banking Fees	-	-
Board Functions	-	-
Insurance	-	-
Dues/Subscriptions	-	-
License/Permit Fees	-	-
Volunteers	50	22
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Indirect Costs*</b>	<b>11,324</b>	<b>4,869</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>115,119</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Includes 71% of General Program Expenses (allocated portion of rent, utilities, insurance, board functions, staff development, etc.) based on percentage of total programming costs.





February 27, 2019

Dear Selection Committee,

Chatham County Schools is a committed partner in the team seeking grant funding to expose students from Chatham elementary schools to high quality performance art that will enhance their academic and personal development and, perhaps, spark an interest in theatre or movement. Our elementary students have thriving choral and visual arts programs but there is no staff or scheduling for other art forms.

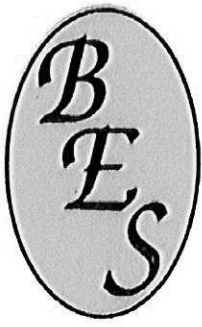
Through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative, our partnership project with the Chatham Arts Council, professional artists have created new pathways to learning for thousands of students. Now, in the Initiative's fifth year, we have reached a milestone: professional artist residencies in all 10 of the elementary schools in the Chatham County Schools system.

Professional development is a particular focus for our district strategic plan. The ongoing partnership between the North Carolina Arts Council, the Chatham Arts Council, and the Chatham County School system, provides our educators with access to rich resources and the type of quality professional development that is not readily available to arts educators or their colleagues.

Our principals, teachers, and students are fully engaged with Artists-in-Schools, and we are committed to growing this work in a consistent, research-backed way with the Chatham Arts Council. Please help us ensure that we do not miss a cohort in 2019-20.

We very much appreciate consideration for this grant opportunity as a key component in our Artists-in-Schools partnership with the Chatham Arts Council.

*Sharon Allen*  
*Lead Arts Teacher*



# *Bennett Elementary School*

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## LETTER OF INTENT

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Bennett K-8 School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Mike Wiley Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school is in a rural area, and 41% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 2% of our students are Black/African-American children. 11% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic. Our students are hungry for arts exposure, and geographically they are challenged in getting it.

Bennett School will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 23 educators through the teacher workshop, 98 fifth- through eighth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 131 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Bennett School for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Carla Neal  
Principal

## *Bonlee School*



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919-837-5583 (fax)  
Kim Taylor – Principal

### LETTER OF INTENT

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,


Bonlee K-8 School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a John Brown Little Big Band Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school is in a rural area, and sixty percent of the student body receives free- or reduced-lunch. Ten percent of our students are Black/African-American children. Eighteen percent of our students are Latino/Hispanic.

Bonlee School will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated seventy-five fifth- and sixth-graders in student workshops and an estimated two hundred fifty-three students through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Bonlee School for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

  
Kimberly Taylor  
Principal



# J. S. Waters School

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27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

JS Waters School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Carlota Santana Vivo Flamenco Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

We are a rural school, and 45% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 12% of our students are Black/African-American children. 14.4% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic, and a majority of them speak English as a second language including 4 newcomers to the United States.

JS Waters will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 85 fourth- and sixth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 155 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering JS Waters School for the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative this year.

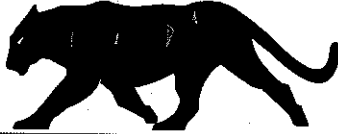
With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Chris Bowling  
Principal

# MONCURE SCHOOL

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Justin Sudol  
Principal

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Moncure School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Black Box Dance Theatre Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

We are a rural school, and 45% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 16% of our students are Black/African-American children. 20% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic.

We have undertaken a major focus in math proficiency, and our teaching staff enjoys having new pathways for curriculum connection, so the Applied Dance/Inspired Mathematics residency would align well with our work.

Moncure School will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 25 educators through the teacher workshop, 65 fifth- and sixth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 280 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Moncure School for the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sudol'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and 'S'.

Justin Sudol  
Principal



**NORTH CHATHAM ELEMENTARY**

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February 27, 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

North Chatham Elementary School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Diali Cissokho Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our students are open channels for learning through the arts, as their responses to four years of CAC arts residencies have shown. Thirty-eight percent of the student body receives free- or reduced-lunch. Five percent of our students are Black/African-American children. Thirty-two percent of our students are Latino/Hispanic.

North Chatham Elementary will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated one hundred fifth-graders in student workshops and an estimated three hundred seventy students through a professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and North Chatham Elementary for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

  
Carla Murray  
Principal

## LETTER OF INTENT

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Perry Harrison Elementary School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Mike Wiley Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

We are a rural/urban school, and 20% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 7% of our students are Black/African-American children. 11% of our students are Latino/Hispanic. Our students are eager for exposure to the arts, and our teaching staff enjoys having new pathways for curriculum connection.

Perry Harrison will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 51 educators through the teacher workshop, 291 fourth- and fifth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 410 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Perry Harrison Elementary School for the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Amy Doty  
Principal



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## LETTER OF INTENT

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Pittsboro Elementary School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Diali Cissokho Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our students are open channels for learning through the arts, as their responses to three years of CAC arts residencies have shown. Thirty-six percent of the student body receives free- or reduced-lunch. Eighteen percent of our students are Black/African-American children. Sixteen percent of our students are LatinX/Hispanic.

Pittsboro Elementary will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 112 third-graders in student workshops and an estimated 300 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Pittsboro Elementary for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Kendra Fisher

Principal



## **Silk Hope School**

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27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Silk Hope K-8 School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in an EbzB Productions Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school is in a rural area, and 39% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 3% of our students are Black/African-American children. 13% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic. 9% of our students are Multiracial. Our students are hungry for arts exposure, and geographically they are challenged in getting it.

Silk Hope K-8 School will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 80 fifth- and sixth-graders in intensive workshops, and an estimated 233 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Silk Hope School for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,



Angie Brady-Andrew  
Principal



## **Siler City Elementary School**

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### **LETTER OF INTEREST**

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Siler City Elementary is pleased to confirm our interest in an EbzB Productions Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school is in a rural area, and 85% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 20% of our students are Black/African-American children. 78% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic, and many of them speak English as their second language. Our students have responded beautifully to past arts residencies—finding new pathways to learning core curriculum through the arts.

At Siler City Elementary, this residency could reach an estimated 75 students in intensive workshops, and an estimated 300 students through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Siler City Elementary for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Dr. Larry Savage

Principal

*We enter to learn, we leave to achieve.  
Entramos para aprender, salimos para triunfar.*



**Virginia Cross Elementary School**

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**Nikki Murchison**  
*Assistant Principal*  
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27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Virginia Cross Elementary is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in a Black Box Dance Theatre Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

We are a rural school, and 91% of the student body receives free or reduced lunch. 15% of our students are Black/African-American children. 71% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic, and a majority of them speak English as a second language.

We are currently creating a framework for math proficiency, and our teaching staff enjoys having new pathways for curriculum connection, so the Applied Dance/Inspired Mathematics residency would align well with our work.

Virginia Cross will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 80 educators through the teacher workshop, 200 fourth- and fifth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 550 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Virginia Cross Elementary for the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

  
Sarah Chicchi  
Principal

## LETTER OF INTENT

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Chatham Charter School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in an Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school is in a rural area, and while they are hungry for performing arts exposure, it can be geographically challenging. 10% of our students are Black/African-American children. 6% of our students are Latino/Hispanic.

Chatham Charter will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 40 fifth-graders in student workshops and an estimated 252 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Chatham Charter for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

John Eldridge  
Head of School

Willow Oak  
Montessori  
A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

LETTER OF INTEREST

27 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Willow Oak Montessori is pleased to confirm our interest in participating in an Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school serves 215 students from first through eighth grade. 2.3% of our students are Black/African-American children, 6.5% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic, and 7.5% of our students are of Two or More Races.

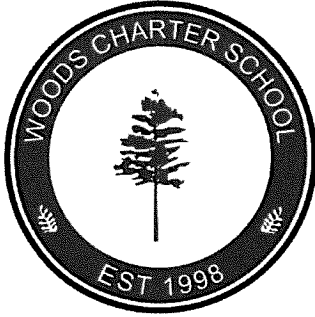
Willow Oak will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 25 educators, 60 fifth- and sixth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 120 third- through sixth-graders through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Willow Oak Montessori for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,



Pete Rubinas  
Head of School



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## LETTER OF INTENT

26 February 2019

Dear Members of the Grants Panel,

Woods Charter School is pleased to confirm our intent to participate in an Arts Residency in the 2019-20 academic year through the Chatham Artists-in-Schools Initiative.

Our school serves 509 students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. 5% of our students are Black/African-American children. 8% of our students are LatinX/Hispanic.

Woods Charter School will be pleased to participate in all components of this program. This residency will reach an estimated 48 educators, 80 fifth- and sixth-graders in student workshops, and an estimated 152 through professional performance.

Thank you for considering Chatham County and Woods Charter School for a Chatham Artists-in-Schools residency this year.

With appreciation for your time and consideration,

Cotton Bryan  
Principal