Arts education helps to close opportunity and achievement gaps in Boston schools. Help us level the playing field. Together, we can give every Boston Public School student the power to create.

BPS Arts Expansion Fund

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Why Arts Education?
Arts education is an opportunity and achievement gap closer. Whether it’s drawing, acting, singing, dancing, or one of the many other arts opportunities in Boston’s public schools, art encourages:
- Creative thinking
- Collaboration skills
- Improved school climate
- Increased student and family engagement

BPS Arts Expansion Strategies
Boston Public Schools (BPS) Arts Expansion is a flagship, public-private partnership to expand arts education by providing equitable access to quality arts learning experiences for all BPS students. From the beginning, BPS Arts Expansion has been guided by a multi-year, multi-part strategy to:
- Expand in-school arts education
- Build capacity of district and schools to support quality arts learning experiences for all BPS students
- Strengthen coordination between Boston’s arts, cultural, and higher education institutions
- Ensure long-term sustainability of expanded arts programming

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Phase 4 Encore

Local funders such as the Barr Foundation, The Boston Foundation, Hunt Alternatives, Klarman Family Foundation, and Linde Family Foundation have been the backbone of the first three phases. National funding from the Wallace Foundation provided crucial infrastructure support in earlier phases of the initiative. Now in Phase 4, the local funders will, once again, take the lead to accelerate positive change for arts education in the Boston Public Schools.

The Phase 4 Encore

In 2018 BPS Arts Expansion has entered Phase 4 (2018-2021). We have raised 83% of our Phase 4 $3 million fundraising goal. We need to raise the remaining $600,000 by June 2019 to sustain arts in our schools. Your contribution to the campaign will:

• Support BPS Arts Expansion’s core strategies
• Bolster the Arts Expansion Fund, which provides funding for schools and youth arts organizations across the city

What will we accomplish in Phase 4?

EdVestors, in collaboration with our partners, will continue to drive the initiative as it has done since the beginning. We will:

• Provide external accountability for Boston’s continued progress toward the shared goals of BPS Arts Expansion
• Maintain visibility
• Support the broad coalition to advocate for expanded arts education opportunities for young people

A fully funded Phase 4 will enable:

• Robust grantmaking to schools and arts partners across Boston
• 100% of BPS prek-8 students to have access to weekly arts education
• 80% of elementary and middle school students to receive twice-weekly, year-long arts by 2021 (recommended best practice)
• 100% of BPS graduates to meet the Mass Core graduation requirements for arts by 2021

Private support is crucial for sustaining arts education in Boston. Falling short of our fundraising goal will mean difficult choices for schools and arts partners.

We need your help to raise the last $600,000 to meet our goal and continue our work to ensure that every BPS student has access to arts education.