



Arts|Learning, an arts advocacy organization that supports the inclusion of a complete arts education (dance, media arts, music, drama/theatre, and visual arts) for every K-12 student in the Commonwealth, has received a generous grant from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its *Service Projects Program*. The grant specifically supports the planning and implementation of the **School Arts Leader Program (SAL)** that will enroll a cohort of Massachusetts public schools to participate in strategic planning and team building over the next two years to **design and implement an arts action plan for sustainable arts programs in their schools.**

The School Arts Leader (SAL) Program is a collective-impact collaboration which annually guides MA school principals and/or district leaders to forge sustainable high-quality arts-education programs that transform their schools. Each school leader actively directs a team of educators, parents, and community members to develop and implement a school arts action plan. The goal is to build and support systemic change in public PreK-12 schools so that all students can benefit from the vital role of dance-drama-media-music-visual art in a complete, balanced education, as called for in the 2015 “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA). It is a proven strategy for improving education outcomes in underperforming schools and developing culturally-inclusive school communities. Working with diverse BIPOC student populations and BIPOC school leaders, especially in urban schools, is a priority.

The **Mass Cultural Council** recognizes that Arts|Learning provides significant public value through its programs and services to arts education in the Commonwealth. Mass Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to promote excellence, education, access and diversity in the arts, humanities and sciences, to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the vitality of our communities and economy.

The School Arts Leader program is currently seeking districts and schools to enroll in the program. For more information, contact SAL@artslearning.org

A|L has over 40 years’ experience as an arts education alliance partnering with dozens of professional arts education organizations, cultural institutions, and public agencies in Massachusetts to bring about changes in the way the arts are viewed and supported within public education. A|L’s work includes arts education programming, services, professional development for educators and administrators, and advocacy.

