



VIRGINIA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members,

Thank you for attending our Super Session on Advocacy! Our guest panelists Debi West, Roger Tomhave, Scott Howe, Trish Poupore and Jimi Herd have provided links to website resources on advocacy topics (listed below). Links will also be posted to the Advocacy tab on the VAEA website after the conference. PowerPoint presentations by Debi will also be added to our website to help you present data and talking points on the benefits of arts education, should you need to make your case before decision-makers in your community.

NAEA advocacy page: <http://www.arteducators.org/advocacy>

Fairfax Arts Coalition for Education: <http://faceadvocacy.org/>

Rand Corporation (Research in the areas of the arts and education) <http://www.rand.org/pubs/online/arts/>

Wallace Foundation (Arts participation and arts education research):

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/KnowledgeCenter/KnowledgeTopics/CurrentAreasofFocus/ArtsParticipation/Pages/default.aspx>

Gifts of the Muse: an argument for the intrinsic benefits of the arts (Study by Rand Corporation, commissioned by the Wallace Foundation):

<http://www.wallacefoundation.org/KnowledgeCenter/KnowledgeTopics/CurrentAreasofFocus/ArtsParticipation/Pages/gifts-of-the-muse.aspx>

Virginians for the Arts homepage: <http://vaforarts.org/> This site includes helpful articles, data & research such as *Staying In School - Arts Education and New York City High School Graduation Rates*

Arts Report Card, 2007-2008 Arts Education Partnership's Arts Education State Policy Database, *Critical Evidence: How the Arts Benefit Student Achievement*, *Getting Past Either-Or - A Feasibility Study: Arts, Innovation, and the Role of Business Champions*, *Educational Impact of the Arts in Virginia*.

KeepArtsinSchools.org, An online community for arts education advocates, focusing on the efforts and successes of local organizations, communities, teachers and leading voices throughout the country who are all working to Keep Arts in Schools.

Video of Visual Thinking Strategies at work in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. This process promotes critical thinking through interaction with and analysis of visual art. <http://vimeo.com/14368624>. This is a great way to show how visual art really IS an important part of the core.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Jean-Marie Galing".

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