

ART IN SCHOOLS

Thanks to Vitti, School Board

Kudos to Duval County Public Schools Superintendent Nikolai Vitti and the School Board for making great strides in providing opportunities for arts learning to students in our community.

Kudos as well to Vitti for keeping a promise he made to our board of directors, on which he now serves, shortly after taking over. Standing on the sidewalk outside one of our schools, Vitti said, "I want my legacy to be that I restored the arts to Duval County."

The Cathedral Arts Project is continuing to work to support the work of the Duval County Public Schools.

We provide in-depth instruction after school for students who have now had their interest piqued by providing professional development for teachers.

Most of all we help to forge dynamic new collaborations between our city's many cultural resources and the school district through the Any Given Child Jacksonville initiative in partnership with the Kennedy Center.

A large and diverse collection of stakeholders from business, arts and culture and the education sectors are united behind a shared vision for increasing arts learning as part of educating the whole child and ensuring college and career-readiness.

If you care about education, then you need to care about arts education.

We are fortunate to have a community full of individuals who do just that.

**The Rev. Kimberly Hyatt, CEO, Cathedral Arts Project,
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