

To the Vermont State Board Of Education:

As an active Vermont Arts Educator working with students, I applaud your efforts to make our system more equitable and diverse. I feel that some of those proposed changes may actually inadvertently make it harder for me to provide equitable arts education for my students.

Please consider revising the way the Curriculum Content section covers arts education, and expanding its own section that impacts students K-12 in 4 subject areas with minimum class requirements similar to Physical Education and Library. Please also address maximum class loads in the arts that vary for discipline and developmental level. Mandating that schools with 300 or more students should have full-time Arts Instructors would help this.

Sincerely,

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