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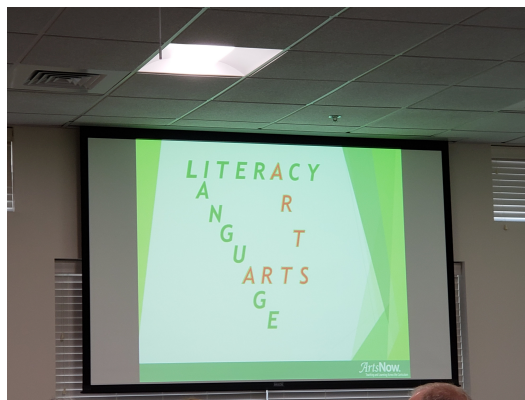
## **FEBRUARY EDITION**



### **SAVANNAH ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MINI-CONFERENCE**

ArtsNow Learning's President and CEO, Pamela Walker, was the keynote speaker for Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's Language, Literacy, and the Arts Conference. Educational leaders from across the district spent the day learning the value of engagement,

literacy, and the arts. Ms. Walker opened the conference and helped set the stage regarding the importance of active, engaging, and hands-on learning. Pictured with Pamela is Savannah-Chatham County's esteemed superintendent, Dr. M. Ann Levett. Dr. Levett is instrumental in creating the vision of engagement and arts-integration within the school system. Savannah-Chatham County is one of the two school districts involved in ArtsNow Learning's AAEDD federal grant for the next three years. We are excited about this partnership and thank Dr. Levett for her continued support!



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## Henry County Kick-off

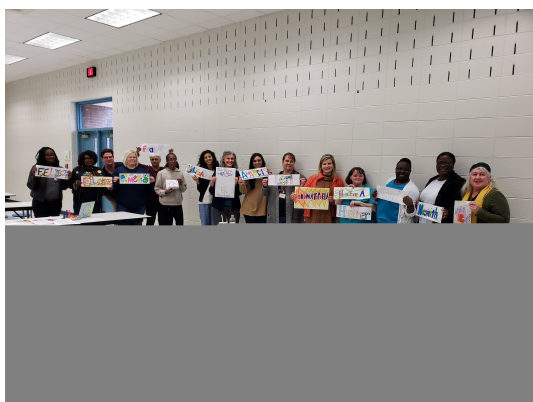
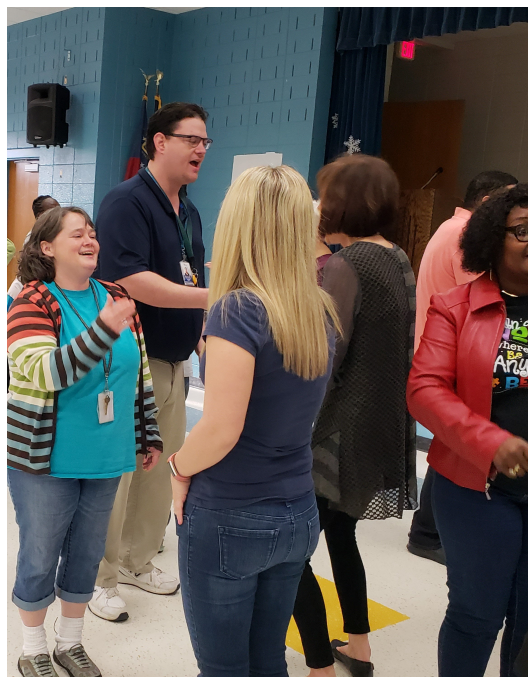
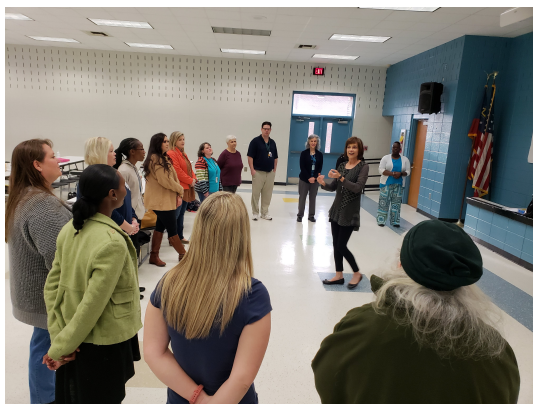
We are proud to announce that Henry County Schools is now a new partner! Initially, we will be working with Fairview Elementary School, Hampton Elementary School, and New Hope Elementary School. Pamela Walker and Crystal Collins conducted the introductory sessions at all three schools as a kick-off with their staffs. The excitement from each school community is incredibly promising and we look forward to an ongoing partnership. District leadership support is amazing! Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Innovation, Katie Truitt, and Director of Early Learning and Innovative Design, Courtney Jones, attended each session to show their support at each school. Partnerships such as the one we are beginning with Henry County are critical for student success.





## Richmond County in Augusta, GA

ArtsNow Learning continues working with the teachers of Hephzibah Elementary, Willis Foreman Elementary, and Goshen Elementary. Each school sends a core teacher leadership team to work with our consultants through each of the art forms. February's workshops included music with Dr. Maribeth Yoder White, and visual arts with Debie West. We were hosted by Willis Foreman and it was an exciting day of professional learning.

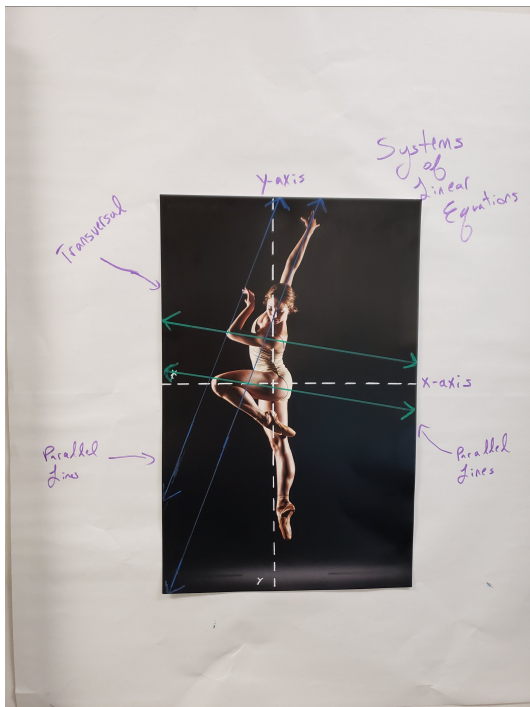
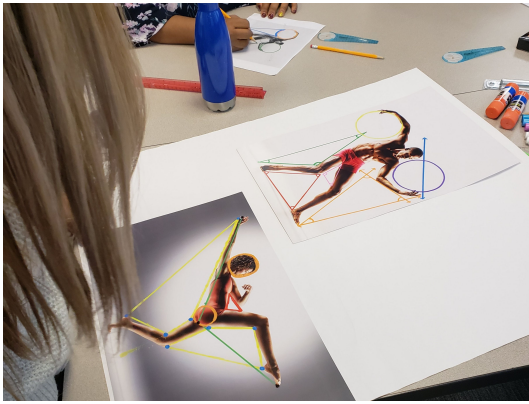


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## PDAE Grant with Clayton County

As part of the Professional Development for Arts Educators federal grant, we were able to work with teachers of Clayton County over the course of four days, which included grade levels from elementary to high school! CEISMC with Georgia Tech is another partner included in the grant, so Tamara Pearson was there to help support learning as well. Darlene Guida, music consultant, and Whitney Jones, dance consultant, worked alongside teachers to help make math connections through each art form. Dee Morris, ArtsNow's Curriculum Consultant who is leading the grant for the organization, planned and help coordinate with Tamara, Darlene, Whitney, and Kathy Baker who is Clayton County's lead for the grant. These days were jam-packed with professional learning and we have already seen many of the strategies implemented within classrooms!





## Barrow County's Center for Innovative Teaching

ArtsNow Learning continues to be proud of our long-standing partnership with Barrow County and the results we are getting at CFIT. Student programming is consistently provided to students through our core team of consultants that includes Susie Spear Purcell, Melissa Ditmar Joy, and Shannon Mulkey Green.

Students and teachers participate in learning strategies through theatre, dance, and visual arts, respectively. As we make future plans for both programming and facility improvements, we will be expanding this program so that more teachers and students are provided the opportunity to participate!



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#### Updates

- ArtsNow Learning's Advisory Meeting will be held March 4, 2019 at Georgia Tech. Please email Pamela Walker at [pam@artsnowlearning.org](mailto:pam@artsnowlearning.org) should you need further information.
- The final Demonstration Day at Powder Springs for the 2018-2019 school year will be March 28th. There will be a Principal's Luncheon immediately following the classroom visits in order to debrief with school building leadership and district level leaders. An RSVP will be sent out, however, should you have any questions please contact Crystal Collins at [crystal@artsnowlearning.org](mailto:crystal@artsnowlearning.org).
- We have reached nearly 50% of our \$100,000 matching funds campaign. We have until June 30th to meet our goal. If you are interested in donating to arts-integration and the work that we are able to do in schools within the southeast, please visit [www.artsnowlearning.org](http://www.artsnowlearning.org) or contact Crystal Collins or Pamela Walker directly at 404-688-2480.



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