

# New funds support arts in Ithaca schools

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*More than \$5,000 in mini-grants have been awarded to further the arts on 13 Ithaca City School District campuses.*



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A couple thousand students in the Ithaca City School District will get some help in exploring their creative pursuits in the classroom thanks to several thousand dollars in grant funding.

The Fine Arts Booster Group, an Ithaca Public Education Initiative affiliate, announced \$5,330 in mini-grants to 13 ICSD projects at DeWitt, Boynton, Lehman Alternative Community School and Ithaca High School drama programs as well as programs and supplies at Enfield, Beverly J. Martin and Caroline elementary schools.

Other programs to be funded include artists' visits following a "Kids Discover the Trail! Ithaca" Johnson Museum field trip; Boynton Middle School music sight reading assistance; and money to purchase ceramics tools for Ithaca High.

Funding for the grants was generated through performance booklet ad sales and donations from more than 30 events at which the boosters are present each year. Other ongoing initiatives include mini-grants to teachers, "Play It Again, Ithaca" (a collection of used musical instruments and funds to purchase new instruments for use in the schools); and various advocacy efforts.

The next deadline to apply for a grant is Feb. 1. Email [president@fabgithaca.org](mailto:president@fabgithaca.org) (<mailto:president@fabgithaca.org>) or check the Fine Arts Booster Group website at [www.fabgithaca.org](http://www.fabgithaca.org) (<http://www.fabgithaca.org>) for an application.

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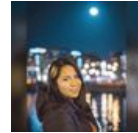
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