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### **Topic or Theme**

1. Arts Advocacy: Speaking Up for the Arts
2. Drama Education: Learning Dramatically—The Impact of Drama Education on Thinking, Learning, and Social Development of Children
3. Partnerships: Creative Communities, Partnership for the Arts (Designing, Building, and Maintaining Partnerships)
4. Transforming Learning Through Arts Integration
5. 15 Keys to Building a Successful Arts Education Program
6. Making the Invisible Visible: Bringing the Arts back into Focus  
This presentation addresses how the arts help students create meaning, build imagination, make personal connections with academics, as well as improve test scores.
7. Transforming Schools with the Arts  
Explore the process of creatively transforming school communities into magnet schools for the arts or through school-wide programs in the arts. Discuss the obstacles and challenges involved with initiating change and strategies for encouraging staff, parents, and students to overcome those obstacles.
8. Partnering with the Arts: Creating Professional Development and Mentoring Programs to Support Strong Schools

Learn how schools, artists, and arts organizations can partner to create professional development and staff mentoring programs, plan arts field trips linked to classroom content, expand funding opportunities, and share resources to strengthen the arts in the classroom and community.

### **Audience**

- Principals, school board members, parents, arts leaders, community members, policy makers
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- Principals, teachers, school boards, parents, arts leaders, teaching artists, community members, policy makers
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- School board members, school staffs, principals, parents
- School staff, principals, teaching artists, arts organizations