

# DENVER ART MUSEUM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in strong support of Creativity Challenge Community (C3), an innovative new Denver Public school. The Denver Art Museum aims to enrich people's understanding of the thousands of different ways artists in our collection have solved problems. The vision behind C3—for its students to “graduate with confidence in their ability to think critically and creatively, solve problems and contribute to the larger community”—is something we can naturally get behind.

The Denver Art Museum has been aware of the vision behind C3 since we were first approached by principal Julia Shepherd in summer of 2010 to help pilot a museum-school partnership. At the Denver Art Museum, our fieldtrips are usually one-off experiences and we rarely get to see the same group of kids twice. We were excited about the prospect of seeing the same class week after week and really witnessing the kids' growth over time. In the end, we found that it also gave us an opportunity to experiment with new concepts, making the pilot mutually beneficial. Teacher Lisa Hoyt met with us early on to discuss our individual institutions' goals, student learning outcomes, and parameters of working within the museum. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching—coupled with a desire to pilot a program that was practical and sustainable—made the experience a home run for us. This year we look forward to continuing the museum-school pilot—this time with first and second grade students.

The Denver Art Museum is committed to seeing how we can all continue to grow from the partnership.

Sincerely,



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