



Department of Education

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Dear Michelle,

The Denver Center Theatre Academy, an education department of The Denver Center for the Performing Arts, is committed to providing world-class arts education. Working with educators, we strive towards making a difference in the lives of our young people and ensuring that Colorado continues to grow as a creative community. Our mission is: *To provide students of all ages with the means to actively explore the beauty, diversity, complexity and challenges of the world around them through the dramatic process; to generate an appreciation of theatre arts as a vital force in their lives; to enable them to develop their own creative voice through a genuine understanding of the art form and its role in society.*

After reviewing a draft of your application for Colorado's Innovation Schools Act for Grant Beacon Middle School, I believe the Denver Center would be an ideal community partner for this new endeavor. Using the arts as a catalyst, partnering with the Denver Center could assist in preparing all students for college and career success offering art-based programs and arts-integrated programs. Adding the new state standards and 21st Century Skills will only provide a deeper understanding of the student's creative process. Programming for this initiative from the Denver Center could provide curriculum, teaching artists, teacher training, theatre tickets and on-site classrooms at the Performing Arts Complex. We too, are committed to assisting GBMS become a world class school within the south east metro neighborhood.

Here at the Denver Center, we have a strong commitment to the creative process and we would be honored to partner with you on creating the next generation of creative learners and leaders. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Grant Beacon community and endorse the education plan set forth for the GBMS Innovation application.

Sincerely,

Tam Dalrymple Frye
Director, Denver Center Theatre Academy