



COUNCIL MINUTES

JOINT MEETING WITH MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 30, 2012

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Joint Meeting with Mesa Public Schools Governing Board at the Mesa Public Schools Curriculum Services Center, Building 2, 549 North Stapley Drive, on March 30, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Scott Smith
Alex Finter
Dave Richins

STAFF PRESENT

William Black
Chris Brady
Mandy Buscas
Scott Butler
Alex Deshuk
Ruth Giese
Marc Heirshberg
Frank Milstead
Cindy Ornstein
John Pombier
Debbie Spinner

MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATTENDEES

Dr. Michael Cowan
Bruce Cox
Dr. Suzie DePrez
Dr. Steve Hogen
Helen Hollands
Mike Hughes
Pete Lesar
Arlinda Mann
Rick Michalek
Allen Moore
Mike Nichols
Steven Peterson
Alice Swinehart
Bobette Sylvester
Michelle Udall
Dr. Ben Whiting
Holly Williams

1. Welcome and Introductions.

- Governing Board President Steven Peterson

Mr. Peterson thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and requested that everyone present introduce themselves.

2. Report on Facilities Planning Committee and Bond Recommendations.

- Dr. Michael Cowan, Mesa Public Schools Superintendent

Dr. Cowan stated that for many years, the community has supported Mesa Public Schools' bond initiatives in order to sustain its facilities. He explained that for a period of time, the State also provided funds to Mesa Public Schools to offset the costs associated with school remodels, construction and preventative maintenance. Dr. Cowan remarked that as a result of the State's ongoing fiscal crisis, the Arizona Schools Facility Board, the entity responsible for providing such funding, has indicated that those dollars are no longer available and it would only distribute monies to specific schools on "a crisis basis."

Dr. Cowan commented that as a result, the full burden of maintaining Mesa Public Schools' facilities falls to the community and the Mesa Governing Board. He indicated that in recent years, Mesa Public Schools has had sufficient bond funds to sustain the District as it relates to "right sizing" the organization (due to declining enrollment), preventative maintenance and construction activities. He noted, however, that such funds are now spent and said the District must make a critical decision with respect to how best to move forward in order to sustain/support its facilities in the future.

Dr. Cowan further remarked that currently the District has several schools that are aging and require significant repairs. He noted that with the lack of State funding, Mesa Public Schools organized a Facilities Planning Committee, which is comprised of City representation, including Councilmember Richins, City staff, the Mesa Governing Board, District administration, teachers, staff, parents, members of the community and students. He stated that the purpose of the group is to analyze Mesa Public Schools' facilities and make recommendations to the Mesa Governing Board by early May so that the Board, in turn, can make bond decisions and take public action by early June in order to conduct a November 2012 bond election.

Dr. Cowan emphasized that the Committee's recommendations are merely conceptual in nature and said that specific plans have not yet been developed. He pointed out that one of the issues the Facilities Planning Committee is considering is whether it would be more cost effective and educationally viable for the District to maintain a facility by using preventative maintenance dollars to sustain it as opposed to collapsing the structure and building a new facility.

Councilmember Richins stated that he was honored to serve as a member of the Facilities Planning Committee and thanked Mesa Public Schools for being well prepared to engage in "an honest conversation" regarding the status of its facilities. He noted that most likely, some elementary schools will close and added that it was up to the Mesa Governing Board to make those difficult decisions.

Councilmember Richins, in addition, indicated that it was important for the citizens of Mesa to understand that their tax dollars are being used wisely. He said that the City may also conduct a bond election this year and noted that as Mesa Public Schools considers campus closures and the reutilization of its resources, that it work hand in hand with the City of Mesa, which also has needs for additional park space and athletic fields.

Dr. Cowan briefly discussed various "Defining the Future" initiatives such as the transfer of 9th grade students to high school in order to provide additional room for 7th and 8th graders; the closure of Mesa Junior High School; repurpose Brimhall Junior High School site; and transfer students from Franklin

Northeast Elementary School, Franklin South Elementary School and Franklin Junior High School to the updated Brimhall facility.

Boardmember Hughes stated that the Mesa Governing Board's working relationship with the City of Mesa is "second to none" and pointed out that it was important for the Board to be aware of the City's long and short-term goals to ensure that both entities are successful.

Mayor Smith commented that the biggest challenge for the City and Mesa Public Schools is not necessarily to define their respective needs and goals, but rather to assess their capabilities. He also voiced concern that if the State Legislature passes the Consolidated Elections bill, bond issues (i.e., school bonds, utility bonds, parks bonds) will only be included on the ballot in November of even years, which could overwhelm voters.

3. Proposals for Community Facilities.

- Dr. Steven Hogen, Director of Athletics and K-12 Physical Education

Dr. Hogen recognized the valuable partnership that exists between Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa. He stated that this year, the City hosted a series of national swimming competitions at its regional pools, which generated significant revenue for the community.

- Marc Heirshberg, Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department Director

Mr. Heirshberg displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and briefly highlighted a series of conceptual drawings generated by the Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities (PRCF) staff as listed: Mesa High Regional Aquatic Center (two options); School to Park Conversion (two options); and West Mesa Sports Complex.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa must work together to obtain ongoing capital funds to maintain Mesa's regional pools; that Mesa Public Schools will conduct an end-of-the-year event for Mesa Junior High alumni prior to the facility's closure; that staff is seeking input from the Council and the Mesa Governing Board with respect to the conceptual drawings; and that staff will conduct cost estimates, develop possible phasing options, and also solicit community feedback concerning the various proposals.

4. Recycling Initiative.

- William Black, Solid Waste Management Department Director

Mr. Black displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 2**) and discussed Mesa Public School's Campus Recycling Program, which is operated in conjunction with the City of Mesa's Solid Waste Management Department. He stated that currently, 1,306 recycle barrels and 48 cardboard boxes are located throughout the District, resulting in monthly trash service savings of approximately \$8,130. Mr. Black also noted that the Campus Recycling Program provides recycling availability to more than 74,000 students and personnel throughout the District.

Mr. Black further reviewed additional cost-effective services and waste diversion programs including, but not limited to, the Green Barrel Program, roll-off service and the implementation of a pilot program to address food waste at school cafeterias.

5. School Resource Officers.

- Al Moore, Director of Safety and Security

Mr. Moore reported that the School Resource Officers (SRO) Program has proven to be a great success due to the ongoing partnership between Mesa Public Schools and the Mesa Police Department. He stated that SROs are located at all of the junior and senior high schools throughout the District and play a vital role in the various facilities. Mr. Moore noted that 10 full-time SROs are employed, with eight funded by State school grants and two by the Mesa Police Department. He added that part-time SROs, who are funded by Mesa Public Schools, provide an additional 20 hours/week of service to the schools.

- Police Chief Frank Milstead

Chief Milstead clarified that it was the intent of Mesa Public Schools to hire off-duty or retired officers to fill the part-time SRO positions at a lesser cost. He stated that the Department is addressing certain issues with the Arizona State Retirement System and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System to determine whether the funding grants would allow the District to use sworn officers who are not full-time employees to serve as SROs.

6. Technology Sharing Agreement.

- Alex Deshuk, Manager of Technology and Innovation

Mr. Deshuk displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 3**) and briefly reviewed the establishment of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa that would allow “technology sharing” projects to be implemented more easily. He explained that in 2010, the parties entered into the initial IGA, which was the first of its kind in the region, and said that since that time, it has been updated to include Mesa Community College.

Mr. Deshuk highlighted a variety of technology successes that Mesa Public Schools and the City of Mesa have achieved including, but not limited to, the following: shared network connectivity at several facilities; interconnected and shared radio infrastructure to coordinate public safety and school administrative communications during campus emergencies; and shared radio system access for training at the new downtown Virtual Incident Command Center. He further spoke regarding future technology opportunities, such as the development of disaster recovery “Data Center” equipment at Fire Station 215, shared purchasing contracts, and the mutual colocation of equipment and connectivity.

7. Report on Collaborative Arts and Cultural Activities.

- Cindy Ornstein, Arts and Culture Director

Ms. Ornstein displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 4**) and discussed the collaborative partnership between the Arts and Culture Department and Mesa Public Schools. She reported that in the past year, students and faculty from Mesa Public Schools have had the opportunity to attend and participate in a variety of performances and classes at the Mesa Arts Center. She briefly highlighted some of those events as follows: National Geographic Live; Performing Arts for Students; Culture Connect; Jazz from A to Z; Master Classes with Performing Live Series Artists; and AMEXICA & Latino Town Hall.

Ms. Ornstein also remarked that with respect to future planning, staff will continue to explore opportunities to tailor projects to curriculum and educational needs, access nationally acclaimed performing/visual artists and exhibits, and partner with Mesa Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts for Performing Live Student Series.

Mayor Smith commented that the Mesa Arts Center is a unique and valuable City asset and stressed the importance of not only introducing students to the arts, but also the community as a whole.

8. Adjournment.

- Mr. Steven Peterson, Governing Board President

Mr. Peterson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said he looked forward to similar gatherings in the future.

Without objection, the Joint Meeting between the Mesa City Council and the Mesa Public Schools Governing Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

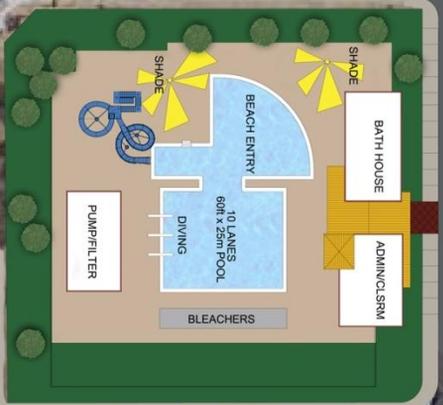
SCOTT SMITH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Joint Meeting between the Mesa City Council and Mesa Public Schools Governing Board held on the 30th day of March, 2012. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK



PREVIOUS
PARKING
831 SPACES

PROPOSED
PARKING
665 SPACES

SOUTHERN AVE.





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418 SPACES PROVIDED

RETENTION

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BLEACHERS

10 LANES
60ft x 25m
POOL

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SCHOOL TO PARK CONVERSION Opt 1



SCHOOL TO PARK CONVERSION Opt 2



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West Mesa Sports Complex Opt. 1



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City of Mesa

Solid Waste Management Department

***Make a Difference...
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle***



**City of Mesa
Solid Waste Management Department**

MPS Campus Recycling Program

- District approved phase one in August 2008
 - 55 elementary schools & 11 administrative locations implemented by January 2009
- District approved phase two in August 2009
 - 15 junior high & 9 high schools implemented by November 2009
- Currently 1,306 recycle barrels & 48 cardboard bins are located throughout the district
- Weekly barrel set out rate is 80%
- Approximately 5,120 cubic yards of material is diverted monthly
- 80 out of 90 sites have reduced trash service
 - Actively monitor & reduce services warranted
- Monthly trash service savings = \$8,130.36
- Campus program provides recycling availability to more than 74,000 Mesa students and personnel
- "Charlie" the Recycling Chimp mascot was introduced in Fall 2011
- 34 elementary school presentations have been provided to date
- Sponsor annual Earth Day contest
- An Intergovernmental Agreement for trash & recycling services was enacted in 2011

And the partnership continues...



**City of Mesa
Solid Waste Management Department**

**Additional Cost-effective Services and
Waste Diversion Programs**

- Green Barrel Program
 - Weekly barrel service provided
 - Reduce District's labor & equipment costs related to lawn maintenance
 - Divert the District's green waste currently disposed of in landfills
 - Reduce disposal fees related to yard clipping
- Roll off Service
 - Competitive pricing
- Green Waste Roll Off Program
 - Divert tree branches, plant trimmings and other landscaping debris from landfill
 - Reduce disposal fees related to green waste material
- Pilot Program Opportunities
 - Trash compactors in lieu of trash bins
 - Front Load Co-mingle Recycling
 - Organics Program



**Skyline High School
Waste Sort – February 14, 2012
Earth Science Class**



City of Mesa and Mesa Public Schools Technology Sharing

Joint COM –MPS Meeting

March 30 2012

Background – Think Regionally

- In 2009, while casually discussing sharing of telecommunications with Mesa Public Schools (MPS), we jointly conceived the idea of establishing a broad Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that would allow for various “technology sharing” projects to be implemented with ease.

Think Outside of the Box

- IGA that rolls up costs/benefits to a long range level.
- Sharing at a task level to not be encumbered by a mentality that there has to be offsetting value by all parties on that specific project.
- We evaluate the net results of the relationship in terms of longer term equity, not each specific project.
- The initial 2010 IGA, to our knowledge, this is the first IGA of its kind in the region.

Latest Evolution

- Updated to IGA to include Mesa Community College
- Enhancing the opportunities for us all to pool technology resources .
- The areas of potential sharing between us are virtually limitless.
- We three share a common geographic footprint and have significant overlap in what we technically do.
- We also have great potential to leverage the unique strengths of each of our organizations to shore up each other, where the others may need assistance.

Successes to Date

- MPS and Mesa have shared network data connectivity at several facilities.
- MPS and Mesa have and interconnected and shared radio infrastructure to coordinate public safety (Police and Fire) and school administrative communications during campus emergencies.
- MPS and Mesa to share radio infrastructure and Twin Knolls tower site.
- Mesa and MCC to share radio system access for training at the new downtown Virtual Incident Command Center.

Future Opportunities

- Disaster recovery “Data Center” equipment at Fire Station 215.
- Shared unified communication infrastructure
- Shared purchasing contracts
- Mutual colocation of equipment and connectivity
- Shared radio system use for VHF (trunked 7/800 MHz is overkill for them)
- Share GIS (same footprint)
- Shared app/infra support contracts
- Shared networking in general (same footprint)
- Shared ERP between MPS/MCC (both or educational)

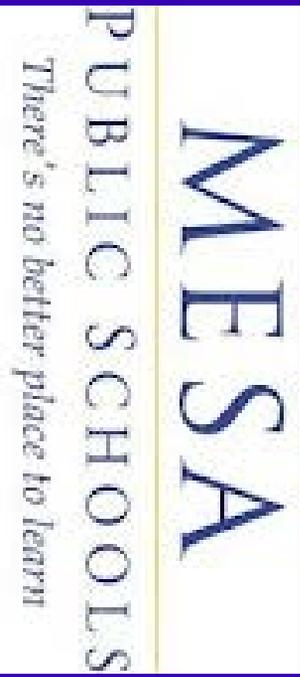
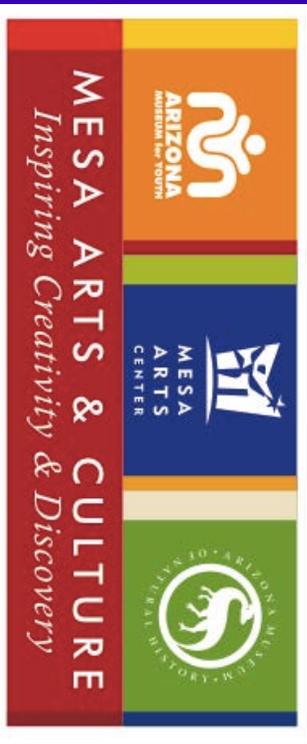
What's Next?

- Updated IGA brings us a new partner (MCC), new IT leadership at City of Mesa and Mesa Public Schools.
- The past successes have demonstrated that this is an effective approach for all in the area, and we should seek to expand our IT sharing efforts, modeled after the thriving partnership created there.
- Continue to commit to the principal that the greater good is in the improved efficiency for the Region, as we continue to partner beyond the current work.
- Town of Gilbert and the Gateway Airport have already expressed interest in this process.
- Renew our commitment to meet every 3-6 months to identify the activities we will work together on.

Questions?



MESA ARTS CENTER



Mesa Arts & Culture and Mesa Public Schools Collaborative Partnership

MESA ARTS CENTER



Performing Live for Students

-64 MPS Schools, **13,563 students**

-Planned in consultation with Mesa Public Schools Creative & Performing Arts Department

-2011-2012 Performances

- Canyon Records - *Native American Song/Dance*
- Pushcart Players – *Let Freedom Ring*
- Mad Science – *Star Trek Live*
- Dallas Children's Theater – *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter*



Mesa Public Schools
receive 50% off ticket price
(regularly \$4)



MESA ARTS CENTER

National Geographic Live! Student Matinees

-14 MPS schools, **1,502** students

-Bus Subsidies, 8 schools, 15 Buses,
\$2,100 is subsidies

-2011-2012 Performances

- Mattias Klum, Photographer
- Roz Savage, Eco-Adventurer
- Brian Skerry, Photographer
- Michael Davie, Filmmaker



FREE Tickets

Culture Connect

- Kerr, Webster, Whitman
4th-6th grades, over **775** students
- 30 Hours of Artists in Residence
Tony Duncan, Fatimah Halim, CONTRA-
TIEMPO Urban Latin Dance Theater
- Free Tickets** to Mesa Arts Center
 - Native American Song & Dance
 - CONTRA-TIEMPO Urban
Latin Dance Theatre
 - Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre



Utilizing arts and culture to teach diversity, tolerance and empathy through the arts greatly benefits the needs of our student population who otherwise would not have the exposure.

Andrea Erickson
Principal, Whitman Elementary

Basic Arts – Lowell Elementary

- Lowell Elementary
K-6th grade, **658 students**
- Designed to activate literature through theatre experiences and artist in residence programs.
- 3 pre- and 1 post-performance programs
- Free Tickets to three of the Performing Live for Students shows



Jazz from A to Z

-105 students, 75 teachers

-A unique partnership between MAC, MPS, ASU and Jazz at Lincoln Center

-2 half-day and 2 full-day Teacher Workshops

- Teaching American History granted schools
- Dobson HS & Red Mountain HS

-Master Classes with Jazz at Lincoln Center Artists

- Rhodes Junior High
- Dobson HS & Red Mountain HS





MESA ARTS CENTER

Jazz at Lincoln Center Band Director Academy

**-10 schools
12 teachers, 24 students**

**-FREE registration for MPS Band
Teachers**

**-3-day intensive emphasizing hands-
on learning and techniques of jazz**



Master Classes with *Performing Live Series Artists*

- Ray Chen, Violin
Red Mountain HS, **175 students**
- Jan Lisiecki, Piano
Westwood HS, **75 students**
- Connecting schools to nationally
renowned artists

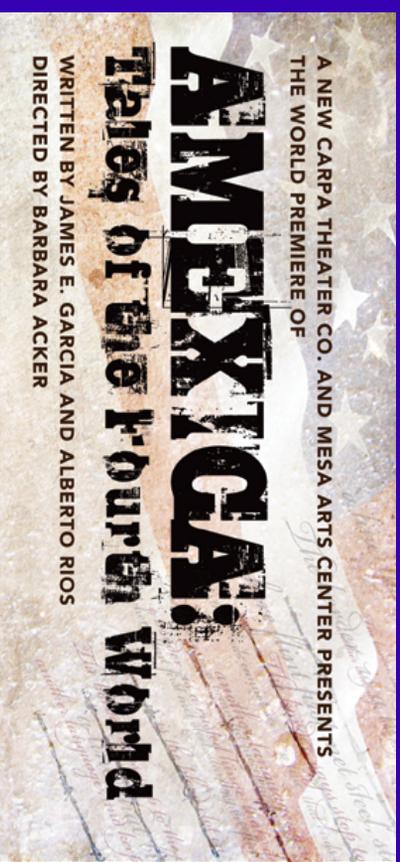




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AMEXICA & Latino Town Hall

- James Garcia, playwright, and Alberto Rios, poet, commissioned by MAC & CALA to create AMEXICA
- Artists provided 3 workshops for **24** Mesa High School students
- Students featured on video, and performed poetry created in the workshops, at the Mesa Latino Town Hall



Free Performance Opportunities

- Oct 25th – Choral Festival Concerts
- Oct 29th – Mariachi Program
- Feb 1st – MPS Dance Concert
- Feb 11th – Centennial Celebration, including Choral Concert, play, Space Integration Module, Flight Simulator, paper airplane activity
- April 3rd – HS Concert Band Program



MESA ARTS CENTER

ACES Program (Arts & Cultural Education Sponsorship of the MAC Foundation)

- March 26th - Honor Band Festival
- March 27 – Young People’s Orchestra/Jr. High Festival



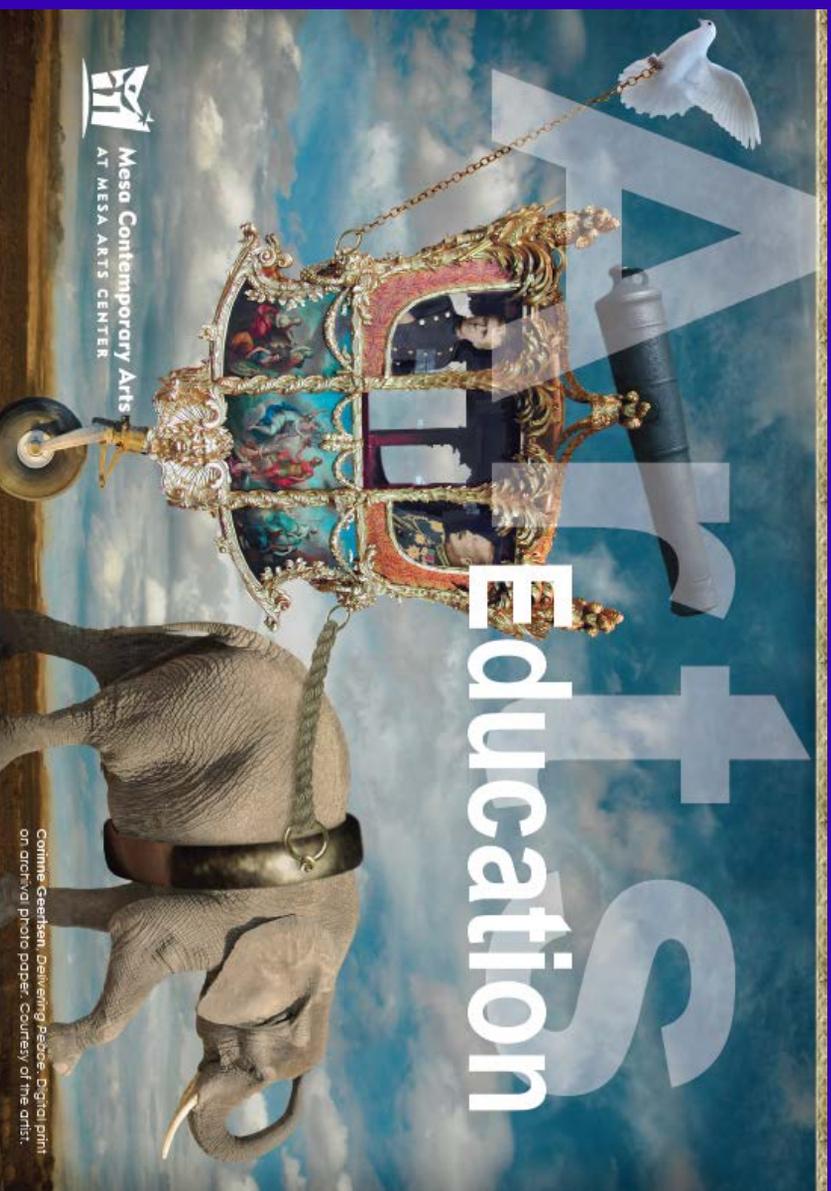


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Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum

School Tours

- Admission to MCA became free this fiscal year (extra fee for hands-on activities)
- MCA Docents currently planning curriculum-based tours for MPS schools





MESA ARTS CENTER

MPS Participation at City of Mesa Museums

- School group docent-assisted gallery visits at **Arizona Museum of Natural History**
- Last year's MPS visitation **2,668**
- Educator Resource Guides provide curricular support
- \$4 per student



MPS Participation at City of Mesa Museums

- School group tours & studio art activity at **Arizona Museum for Youth**—Pre-school through Elementary
- Last year's MPS visitation **1151**
- Educator Resource Guides provide curricular support
- \$5 per student (Title I Schools, \$3 per students)





Future Planning

- Opportunities to tailor projects to curriculum and educational needs
- Continued access to nationally acclaimed performing/visual artists and superb exhibitions
- Continued partnership with MPS Creative & Performing Arts for *Performing Live Student Series*
- Hope to expand partnership and increase use of our assets by Mesa Public Schools

