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**To:** Religious and Independent School Administrators

**From:** David Frank, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Education Policy

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**Office of Religious and Independent School Services (ORISS)**  
**Art & Music Teacher Salary (AMTS) Reimbursement Grant**

**Purpose:** The Art & Music Teacher Salary (AMTS) Reimbursement Grant provides Religious & Independent schools with \$5 million in State funding for the reimbursement of art & music teachers' salaries. Each school which seeks reimbursement shall submit to NYSED an application, together with such additional documents as the Commissioner of Education may reasonably require.

**Governance:** The AMTS grant is awarded funds via Executive discretionary funding. The New York State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 appropriation is located beginning on line 45 of page 265 of Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2023 and is administered by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

**Eligibility:** Institutional Eligibility

1. Religious and independent schools (non-profit or not-for-profit schools only)
2. Currently open/operational (at the time of application)
3. 853 and 4201 schools are not eligible
4. Possession of (or will obtain) a valid Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) Vendor ID
5. New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued Basic Education Data System (BEDS) code
6. BEDS enrollment data for 2023-2024 school year for grades K-12

Teacher Eligibility

1. An eligible teacher is categorized as one of the following:
  - a. Certified to teach in New York State pursuant to Section 3004 of Education Law;  
or
  - b. Holds a master's degree or Ph.D. in one or more of the following subject areas:
    - i. Dance
    - ii. Theater
    - iii. Visual or Media Arts
    - iv. Fine Arts
    - v. Music
    - vi. Education; or

- c. Holds a bachelor's degree in Dance, Theater, Visual or Media Arts, Fine Arts, Music or education and is currently enrolled in a master's or Ph.D. program in Dance, Theater, Visual or Media Arts, Fine Arts, Music, or education within five (5) years from the date of April 10, 2019, or the employment start date with the

