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CREATE A HEALTHY ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

GOAL: Organizations build an intentional culture that supports quality teaching and learning.

Onboard Teaching Artists

As part of the employment negotiation, organizations clearly articulate position and role, pay, hours, requisite relationships, and programming expectations.

Teaching Artists are respected in the organization as highly qualified artists and educators. They are able to demonstrate strong skills in building a positive classroom culture, engage in personal and artistic self-awareness, and represent the organization professionally in the community and with partners.

Retain Teaching Artists

Organizations work to retain quality Teaching Artists and reduce turnover.

Organizational staff members are accessible and maintain regular communication with Teaching Artists, connecting them to city and discipline-specific opportunities, supporting their resource needs, and connecting Teaching Artists to each other to reduce isolation and encourage peer-to-peer learning.

Cultural Inclusion

Organizations support Teaching Artists by training them in inclusive practices and culturally-relevant program approaches. When possible, Teaching Artists possess knowledge and understanding of the community at hand.

Effective Teaching Artists have strong instincts regarding, but also development in:

- Culturally-inclusive teaching practices and cultural relevance
- How to create safe spaces within the classroom
- Sensitivity to potential abuses of power within the youth development space

Inclusivity is defined by the organization in accordance with the population served, including the age and developmental stage of students, and types of activities facilitated.

When necessary, organizations facilitate professional development and training for the Teaching Artist to ensure a strong knowledge base relevant to the cultural context of each community.

Advance Equity

Equitable distribution of the arts in a diverse city is advanced by increasing access to programs that meet high-quality standards as outlined in this framework. Organizations explore how they can play a role in providing equitable distribution of the arts to students. They also remove barriers to equity within their own programs.

Staff Diversity

Organizations build and sustain a plan to meet diversity goals for staff at every level of the organization.