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SUPPORTING THE ARTS IN THE ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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***Donate now to Arts Alive Fund - - - - Gifts Matched by Challenge Donor!!***

Dear Friend of the Arts:

This is a difficult time for our economy and for our schools. Many budget cuts had to be made for 2010-2011 including about \$45,000 of extracurricular arts activities at the four ICSD secondary schools. We are asking you to help *keep the arts alive*. Please consider donating to the Fine Arts Booster Group's new **Arts Alive Fund**. The goal of this campaign is to provide enough support to restore 100% of the secondary extracurricular arts programs that were cut.

***Donate now and your gift will be matched one-to-one by a generous anonymous donor!  
The Arts Alive Challenge donor will contribute up to \$10,000 for the 2010-2011 school year doubling the value of gifts of individuals and businesses.***

**You can donate in a variety of ways:** electronically on our webpage [www.fabgithaca.org](http://www.fabgithaca.org), by using the Arts Alive gift form, or by visiting the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI)'s webpage at [www.ipei.org](http://www.ipei.org). More explanation is on the enclosed form. All gifts are tax deductible.

The **Arts Alive Fund**, including its Challenge component, will restore as many programs as possible. Principals and arts staff of the four schools are providing prioritized lists that will guide the allocations from the Fund. If you join our listserv you will receive updates on the campaign and restorations; email [FineArtsBoosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FineArtsBoosters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to join.

In addition to coordinating this effort (and its other annual advocacy, fundraising, granting, and coordination activities), the Fine Arts Booster Group is **seeking volunteers** willing to spearhead additional fundraising efforts to meet this critical need. Let us know your interests and any questions or concerns you have about the planned budget restorations.

The Fine Arts Booster Group, an affiliate of IPEI, is committed to celebrating and fostering the arts in our public schools. We appreciate your understanding of the benefits of arts participation. We are grateful for your support of **"all the arts for all the kids"**. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Martha Frommelt*, President