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Dear Denver School of the Arts Community,

I am writing to share the wonderful news that the Denver School of the Arts has been named an Exemplary School by the Arts School Network (ASN), a national organization representing arts schools and their leaders. I want to recognize and thank our educators and schools leaders and the entire DSA community for all of their hard work that brought about this national recognition. Earning this distinction is a testament to the exceptional dedication and creativity of DSA's educators.

The honor, to be bestowed at an October ceremony, is awarded to schools that meet ASN's Principles of Exemplary Practice in strategically evaluating their purpose, operations, and educational programs. Congratulations to the DSA community of educators, students and families.

I know that this year has been a very challenging year for DSA, and I appreciate DSA's efforts to confront those challenges and make necessary changes. As Principal Bill Kohut [wrote to you recently](#), I want to reiterate our commitment to fully looking into any concerns that students or families raise about student health, safety and well-being and to ensuring that there is no retaliation against anyone who raises concerns.

We also look forward to a set of [facilitated meetings](#) for parents to discuss issues of concern and move forward as a community. We look forward to hearing your voices in these discussions, for we need the community's help in building our best path forward.

As we recognize our very real challenges, it is important that these challenges do not obscure the wonderful things that continue to take place in so many of the school's classrooms, studios, and stages. DSA has been, is and will be one of the finest arts schools in the country. We are proud of and committed to DSA and proud the school has again been recognized as such by the Arts School Network.

Best,
Tom Boasberg
DPS Superintendent