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***Help Trenton Arts Programs Grow During an Evening of Entertainment and Conversation ...***

**IMAGINE TOGETHER**  
**ARTS EDUCATION FOR EVERY TRENTON CHILD**  
**May 12, 2016 — 5:30-7:30 pm**

Trenton, NJ (May 2, 2016) – “Imagine Together – Arts Education for Every Trenton Child!” That’s the title of an evening of entertainment and conversation presented by The Kennedy Arts Center and the Trenton Public Education Foundation on Tuesday, May 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Because every voice counts, this is open to the entire community. It will take place at the Ellis Auditorium, Trenton Board of Education, 108 N. Clinton Avenue in Trenton. Focusing on the arts, the program will showcase the Trenton students whose artwork will be displayed in the auditorium. There will be performances by the Joyce Kilmer School and the Grant Elementary School. Refreshments will be served. Spanish translators will be there.

“Imagine Together” is an event for the Trenton community to do just that – share ideas, offer opinions, set goals, envision and imagine Trenton as a city where every child had access to a strong arts education. Imagine the creativity and resourcefulness that would be a part of the education process. This program is part of a developing plan started by a Community Arts Team working with arts education experts from the Kennedy Center as part of the *Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child* Program. Everyone who considers themselves part of the Trenton community is welcome and invited to take part in the discussion.

*Any Given Child, Trenton* will give the Trenton public school children access to an ongoing, high quality program in all the arts-dance, theater, music, visual arts and media arts. This is a great opportunity for Trenton because students who are engaged in a quality arts education do better in school, have improved attendance, increased self-confidence and ultimately higher job prospects.

Trenton Mayor Eric E. Jackson encourages the Trenton community to participate in setting goals and moving forward. He said, “Arts education allows for and is focused on holistic, well-rounded development of our children. We as a community need to see our kids build creative and critical thinking skills that will prepare them for the future and to work continuously toward a better Trenton.”

Interim Superintendent of Schools Lucy Feria is enthusiastic about this opportunity for the students and said, "Getting the opinions of the community is so important as the Community Arts Team and our educators plan ahead with the consultants from the Kennedy Center. We are so honored to be one of the few cities in America participating in this program. We can make a difference in the lives of children with the help of every stakeholder in our community because, after all, our kids are our future."

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