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## **Trenton Public Education Gets High Marks from Investors Bank *Bank Grants \$5,000 to Non-Profit Keeping Arts in Trenton Schools***

**ROBBINSVILLE, New Jersey** – Investors Bank recently gave the Trenton Public Education Foundation (TPEF) an A+, and two \$2,500 grants, for the non-profit’s work in bringing the arts to Trenton schools.

The funds will be used to expand the work of TPEF’s “Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child” program, a collaboration with the Kennedy Center. The program assists communities in developing and implementing plans to expand arts education in schools, ensuring access and equity for all students from kindergarten through eighth-grade. TPEF applied for the program on behalf of Trenton Public Schools and became the 19<sup>th</sup> Any Given Child site in the country.

“Your gift allows us to guide the work of Any Given Child, Trenton and to be a leader in seeing that the Trenton Public Schools children experience an ongoing, high quality program in all the arts: dance, theater, music, visual arts and media arts,” said Anthony Campbell, TPEF Chair of the Board of Directors. “We know that students who are engaged in a quality arts education do better in school, have improved attendance, increased self-confidence and ultimately higher job prospects.”

The TPEF convened a 35-member Community Arts Team to create a district-wide arts education plan ensuring that children in Trenton Public Schools will have an opportunity to engage in high quality arts experiences and be taught by teachers who utilize arts integration techniques that spark creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The planning will be completed at the end of the summer, and will begin to be implemented this fall.

TPEF applied for the grants from the Roma Bank Community Foundation and Investors Bank Foundation, which support non-profit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank; Roma Bank became part of Investors Bank in December 2013.

“Every child should be able to express themselves however they’d like, whether that is through dance, painting, or another creative outlet,” said Linda Martin, an Investors Bank Senior Market Manager.

“The Any Given Child program is providing Trenton children with a well-rounded education, all thanks to the Trenton Public Education Foundation’s hard work,” said Cecilee M. Abney, Investors Bank Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager – South Trenton. “Investors Bank is proud to support the foundation in their mission to promote educational opportunities focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), and the arts.”

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**Photo Caption:** Investors Bank Senior Market Manager Linda Martin, center, and Cecilee M. Abney, Investors Bank Assistant Vice President, Branch Manager – South Trenton, far left, recently presented two \$2,500 grants to the Trenton Public Education Foundation from the Investors Bank Foundation and Roma Bank Community Foundation. Accepting the check on behalf of the Trenton Public Education Foundation are Anthony Campbell, Chair of the Board of Directors, second from left; Eugene Marsh, Board Member; and Ellen Mushinski, Executive Director, far right.

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**About The Trenton Public Education Foundation.**

The Trenton Public Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit education foundation dedicated to leveraging resources and enhancing education opportunities for the Trenton public school children. The organization was established after the founders identified a real need to close the opportunity gap for Trenton school children. Programs, which rely on active participation from partners and supporters, are developed around the most need. To learn more, visit [www.tpef.org](http://www.tpef.org).