

Friis, John

From: lindsayflamingo@optonline.net
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To Whom it May Concern,

The Educational Center for the Arts is an art that would truly be missed. The faculty alone create a conducive environment to the creative people that are accepted there. I am in the Visual Arts department and the knowledgeable faculty that surrounds me is overwhelming. Never in my 16-year-old life have I experienced such amazing art talent. These teachers may not be certified but they are more qualified to teach high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in art. I have learned so much in the 2 years that I have been part of this amazing organization and ALL of it has been from the amazing faculty. To learn from practicing artists teaches us "the trade." We learn what we can do as artists and how to present ourselves to the art community. Not only does the faculty have an enormous impact on

ECA, but they also help us prepare for the future. Next year, my senior year, I will be going through the frustrating process of college application, but I will not have to worry about my portfolio because of the immense amount of time that the faculty will spend with me to get it done. They will teach me what my portfolio should consist of and how to arrange my work to have the best possible affect on the college admission boards. The college process would be a nightmare if it were not for the competent, intellectual, and experienced staff. Faculty is the key component to ECA and a required certification would end the amazing learning experience.

Not only would the loss of faculty greatly affect me, but also the law that states that a parent cannot pay for a student's tuition of a public school. I attend Amity Regional High School in

Woodbridge and they do not pay my whole tuition and my parents pay the difference. I would not be able to attend the most incredible and influential school if my parents could not do this.

Please,

ECA is a necessity to the state and should not be demolished by the new laws. Save ECA.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Miller