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**(January 2018 Recipient-Skidmore College)**

(EIN #) requests the support to launch its “Dance to Success” program which will provide teachers in districts with high rates of student socioeconomic disadvantage with web-based access to 3-5 minute dance videos created by (EIN #) students, consisting of original brain-based movement geared to promote body-mind connectivity and improve student focus. Teachers will utilize these dance videos with their students before every assessment and as ‘brain breaks’ throughout the school day.

We are requesting \$(deleted by GKV) to allow for program development and expansion over the next year. We aim to demonstrate the importance of dance and movement integration into public-school education through quantitative analysis of state and local assessment scores, reading levels, behavior referrals, and attendance as compared to a control group of non-participating classrooms.

Furthermore, a qualitative assessment of teacher, student, and parent perceptions will allow for additional insight into the program. As ‘success’ in the field of public education requires a multifactorial analysis, we will define program accomplishment by growth in any of our measured quantitative or qualitative variables.

(EIN #) and the GKV Foundation share a mission centered on youth development and community collaboration. Moreover, (EIN #) ’s historic strengths in the arts and in applied as well as theoretical learning also position the College as an ideal partner for the GKV Foundation.

Previous research investigating the relationship between at-risk youth and the arts has shown that students with a low socioeconomic status but a high exposure to the arts demonstrate higher college enrollment and show improved academic achievement. While research exists examining the effects of music and theater on student achievement, our study, to our knowledge, is the first of its kind to quantitatively investigate the use of brain-based dance in relation to student achievement.

We assert that (EIN #) , the applicant, meets GKV Foundation’s Minimum Requirements as stated in the GKV website.