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ARTISTS STEP UP FOR BRIDGEPORT STUDENTS

Bridgeport, CT (March 21, 2017) —Bridgeport Public Schools Performing and Visual Arts Department, along with Turnaround Arts: Bridgeport will hold its first ever “Arts Count” Day (ACD) on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017** from **9 to 10 AM** to celebrate the arts with Bridgeport students. ACD encourages artists from all over the community to share their experiences related to their craft with 5th grade students in the Bridgeport Public School district. Artists will create, perform, and engage with their assigned 5th grade classroom to call attention to the role the arts play in their everyday lives.

Turnaround Artists Tracy Reese, Fashion Designer and Bernie Williams, retired New York Yankee and Musician join Music and Art Directors from the surrounding area (Sacred Heart University, University of Bridgeport and Housatonic Community College) and artists nationwide to share their love of the arts with students of Bridgeport.

Various studies have shown a positive impact from broad exposure to the arts across various areas of development including: communication skills, math and reading proficiency, confidence-building and creative thinking. Improving arts education helps benefit not just individuals, but also helps unify communities.