

### **OUR MISSION**



Uniting people and communities to strengthen and celebrate a creative North Carolina

### **OUR VISION**

A vibrant North Carolina where the arts are embraced by all as indispensable.



### How Will We Reach Our Vision?

By changing hearts, minds, and actions-taking the arts from



### **OVERVIEW**

501(c)3, private nonprofit organization North Carolina's only statewide arts advocacy organization



Receives no state funding

Supported by license plate sales, donations, and earned revenue



### **ADVOCACY**

is active support for a cause, idea or policy.

### **LOBBYING**

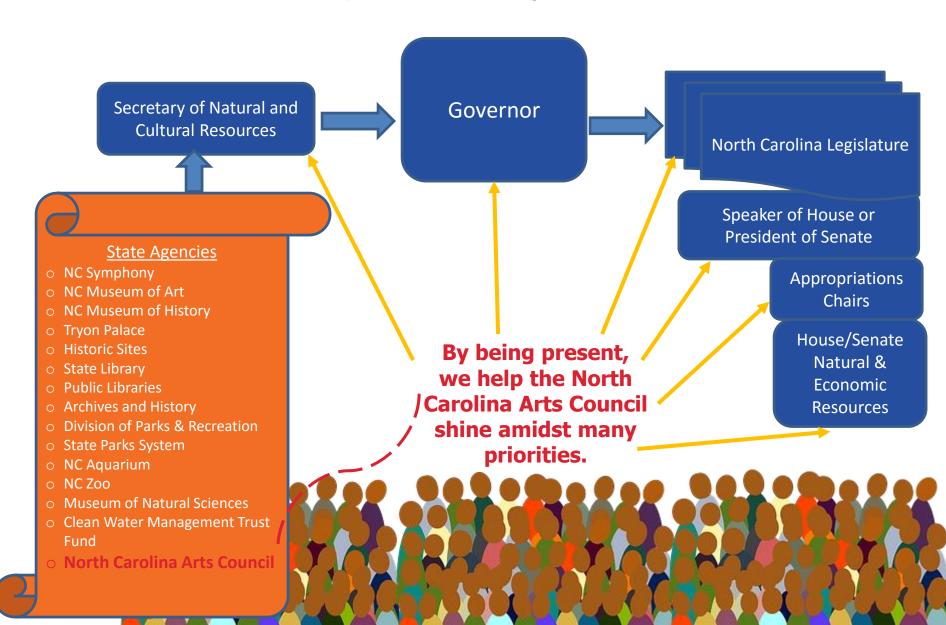
is action to advance money or policy requests.

You can't have lobbying without advocacy.

Organizations can file a 501h election and spend a portion of your budget in direct lobbying expenses.

Both advocacy and lobbying should be strategic and intentional.

### **Budget & Policy Process**



### **BUDGET PROCESS IN THE LEGISLATURE**



- Appropriations: Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources
- House Appropriations
- House Floor

#### **KEY COUNTIES:**

Duplin, Wayne, Jones, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Wake, Cabarrus, Henderson, Forsyth, Cleveland

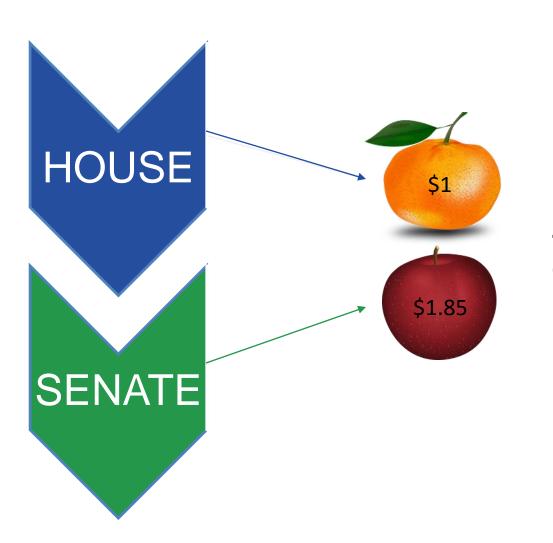


- Appropriations: Natural and Economic Resources
- Appropriations, Base Budget
- Senate Floor

#### **KEY COUNTIES:**

Rockingham, Guilford, Henderson, Onslow, Gaston, Duplin, Johnston, Sampson, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans

### **BUDGET PROCESS IN THE LEGISLATURE**



If, through this process, the House and Senate give us different items...

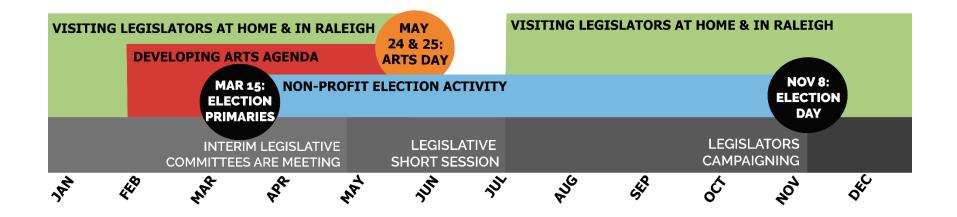
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...our proposal gets sent to conference committee...



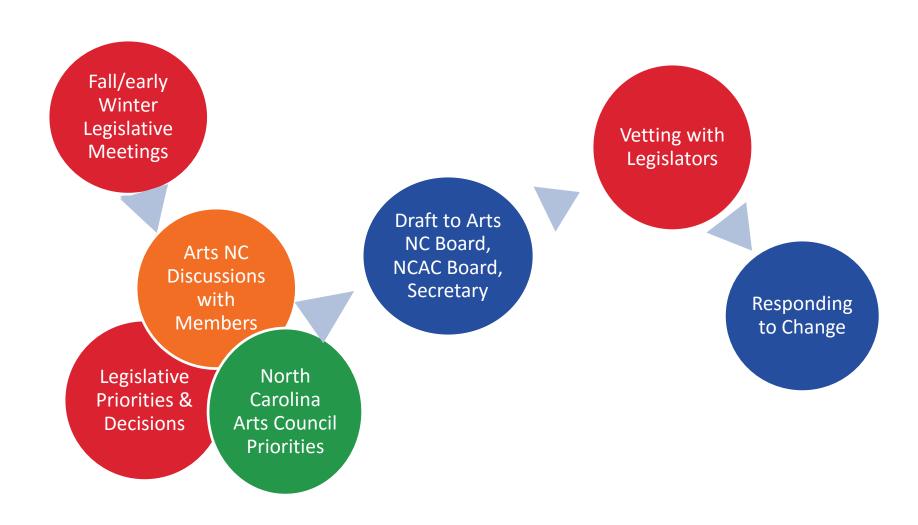
where we stay...for...a while.

# Meanwhile...this is our Arts Advocacy Timeline

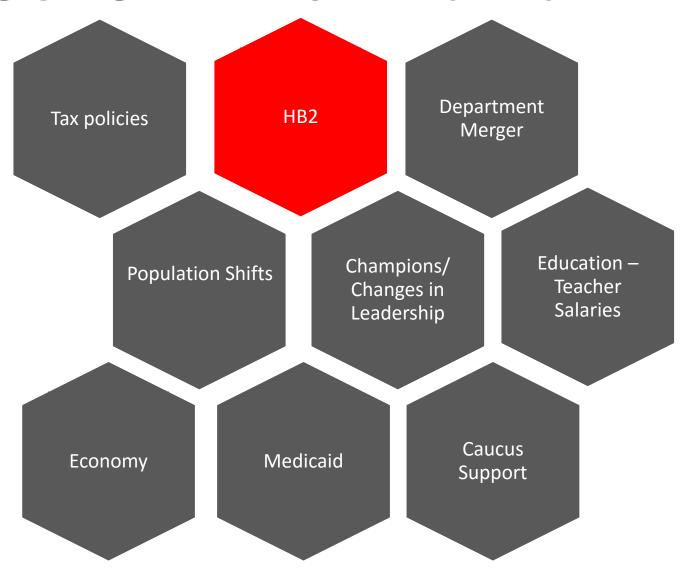


Download this timeline with a to-do list on artsnc.org advocacy materials page.

### ARTS AGENDA DEVELOPMENT



### **ISSUES AFFECTING AGENDA**





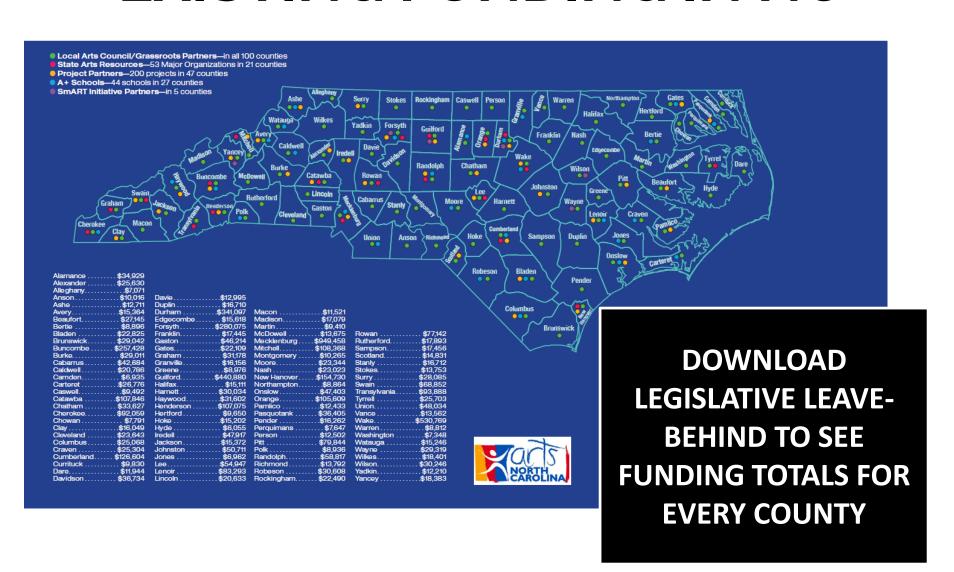


(Allocated resources are not keeping up with population growth.)

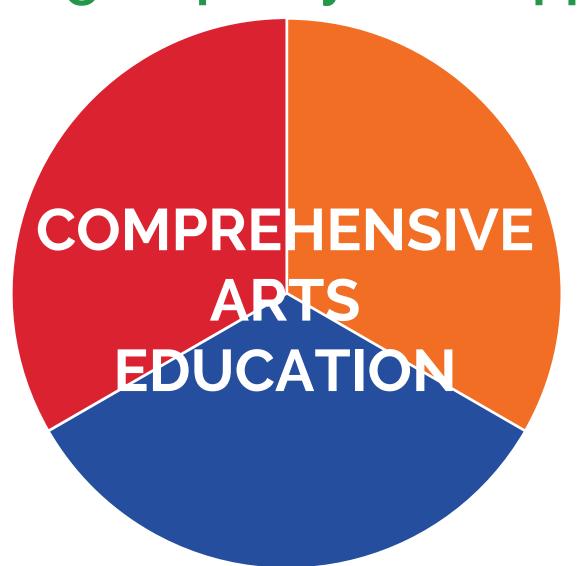
## 2016 North Carolina Revenue Position

2015 Surplus \$447,000,000 2016 Projected (Jan) \$237,000 2016 Real (April 15) ???

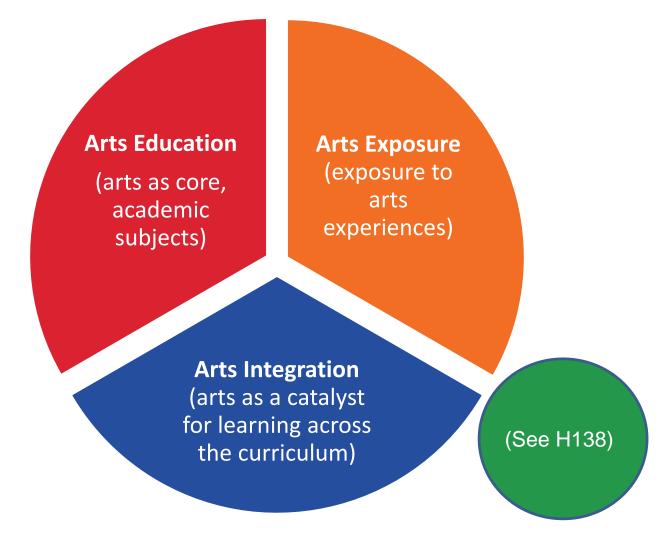
### **EXISTING FUNDING IN NC**



# Among other things, we are working for policy that supports



## COMPREHENSIVE ARTS EDUCATION (CAE)



### H138:

The State Board of Education shall modify the State graduation requirements to include one required credit in arts education to be completed by each student at any time in grades 6 through 12. (see www.ncleg.net)

#### H138 Is...

- Simple—no fiscal impact
- Flexible—one arts education credit anytime in grades 6 12
- Diverse—visual, music, dance, theatre, design; in-school, out of school, virtual
- · Accessible—opportunities for all students regardless of where they live
- Supported—bi-partisan House vote of 96-21



### **CURRENT AGENDA**





### **Advocacy & Lobbying Work Together**







#### **Grassroots:**

foundation of our success

250 organizations x infinity and beyond

## Professional Lobbyist:

since 2012

## **Election Engagement**:

2016

(Non-profits: see NonprofitVote.org)

### **GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY**



### **CAMPAIGN ELECTION**



What can you do?





### PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS

John Cooper

Stephen Kouba

**Jackson Stancil** 



## **ADVOCACY** is basic:

- → what do you want
- → and why does it matter?

So what arts story can you tell?

...Think about it, and come tell it at ARTS Day.



### **CALL TO ACTION**

- ☐ Inform/Prepare yourself (and your board if you have one)
  - State Funding
  - Arts Agenda
- ☐ Promote/Attend ARTS Day May 24-25
  - Sub-grantees
- ☐ Gather Community Stories for Arts Agenda
- Determine Key Messengers
- ☐ Prepare Communication Strategies



All the arts, for all the people, in every place.