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In light of the [outrage over state test results](#), today's story in *The New York Observer*, "[Teaching the Arts on the Cheap](#)," shines a much-needed spotlight on the impact that the overemphasis on testing is having on our children's education.

Triggered by the release of CAE's most recent [Research & Policy Briefing](#), the story highlights the sharp declines in budgeting for arts supplies and instruments and for partnerships with cultural arts organizations that has occurred over the past three school years.

As the story points out, these declines are in part a byproduct of an accountability regime that is focused squarely on student performance on state tests in two subject areas, as well as the elimination four years ago of a dedicated funding line for arts education.

If you haven't done so already, please take action now and [e-mail the Schools Chancellor](#) urging him to make arts education a priority in city schools.

Thank you!

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