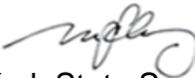




**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

**FROM:** Mark Schaming 

**SUBJECT:** Report on New York State Summer School of the Arts  
2018 Session

**DATE:** October 4, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Discussion**

The New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) completed its 2018 program. The committee will receive an update on the 2018 program from NYSSSA Executive Director, Molly Hennighausen.

#### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

For information.

#### **Background Information**

Founded in 1970, NYSSSA is a program of the State Education Department. The program provides talented high school students the opportunity to study with some of the world's foremost artists in the visual and performing arts in seven schools, including ballet, dance, choral studies, orchestral studies, theatre, visual arts, and media arts. Four weeks of intensive work and interaction with internationally acclaimed artists and performing arts companies, such as the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra, give students a unique opportunity to experience the rigors of their chosen arts field.

Nine hundred and thirty (930) students auditioned or submitted portfolios to participate in the seven NYSSSA schools in 2018. After a competitive audition process conducted by artistic staff, 369 students gained acceptance and enrolled in the program. NYSSSA continues to place a priority on making the program accessible to students who may not have the means to participate in a high-quality arts education program. Tuition rates are maintained at a modest level and tuition assistance is available, enabling every student who qualifies the opportunity to participate in the program.