

1 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. R-36-09**

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5 **Introduced by Alderwoman Finlayson**

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7 **Co-sponsored by Mayor Moyer**

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY			
First Reading:	Public Hearing:	Fiscal Impact Note:	120 Day Rule:
05/11/09			
Referred to:	Meeting Date:	Action Taken:	

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10 **A RESOLUTION concerning**

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12 **Support the Funding of Bates Middle School Magnet Program**

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14 **FOR** the purpose of expressing the City of Annapolis' support for the funding of  
15 the Wiley H. Bates Middle School Performing and Visual Arts Magnet  
16 Program.

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18 **WHEREAS,** Anne Arundel County's first Performing and Visual Arts Magnet is  
19 scheduled to open at Wiley H. Bates Middle School in the Fall of  
20 2009; and

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22 **WHEREAS,** the Performing and Visual Arts Core Magnet Middle School  
23 Program will include instruction in the visual arts, instrumental  
24 performance, voice, and dance; and

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26 **WHEREAS,** all Magnet students will receive an arts-integrated curriculum in all  
27 discipline classes and extended arts block opportunities, where  
28 they will spend quality time in their specialized arts area of interest;  
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31 **WHEREAS,** the Program will partner with the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts  
32 to provide a first class performing and visual arts educational  
33 experience; and  
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1 **WHEREAS**, the Program will enroll approximately 100 sixth graders and 50  
2 seventh graders from Annapolis, South River, Southern,  
3 Broadneck, and Severna Park schools; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the current fiscal climate has led the Anne Arundel County  
6 Executive to eliminate funding for the Performing and Visual Arts  
7 Core Magnet Middle School Program at Bates Middle School; and  
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9 **WHEREAS**, this shortfall of more than \$800,000 during the Program’s inaugural  
10 year will work irreparable harm; and  
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12 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Annapolis and the  
13 children of Anne Arundel County that funding be restored to the  
14 Program.  
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**  
17 that the City Council expresses the City of Annapolis’ continued support of the  
18 Performing and Visual Arts Core Magnet Mill School Program at Bates Middle  
19 School.  
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21 **AND BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City  
22 Council expresses its support for the restoration of funding for the Magnet  
23 Program.  
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25 **AND BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that copies of  
26 this resolution shall be sent to Kevin M. Maxwell, Ph.D., Superintendent of Anne  
27 Arundel County Public Schools, and John R. Leopold, Anne Arundel County  
28 Executive.  
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31 **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.  
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33 **ATTEST:** **THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**  
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36 \_\_\_\_\_ **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
37 **Regina C. Watkins-Eldrige, CMC** **ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR**  
38 **CITY CLERK**

**EXPLANATION:**  
Highlighting indicates matter added to existing law.  
~~Strikeout indicates matter deleted from existing law.~~  
Underlining indicates amendments.