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My name is Karen McClellan, Executive Director of Arts Can Teach, a Windsor-Essex education organization dedicated to bringing the arts to daily learning in schools and community.

Arts Can Teach is proud to be the artist team for  
**Changing the Odds Pathway to Literacy for Kids!**

Our artists - specialists in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Puppetry, and Community Drums - have worked with hundreds of area teachers since 1999.

We help create and lead dynamic, arts-infused lessons in Language, Science, Social Studies, Math and Character Education. Creative learning activities are specially designed to nurture and promote students' social and emotional well-being.

Arts Can Teach programs and lessons are created in response to the needs of teachers, school boards and local organizations supporting new Canadians and multicultural communities.

The need to support our children's learning and wellness has never been greater. Windsor's downtown, West Windsor and Leamington have been identified as significant areas of child poverty and children new to Canada and/or new to English.

Research has shown that Drama and Dance can significantly boost oral Language learning in young children, leading to greater success in reading and in life.

"Children who are meeting Grade 3 Reading standards are more likely to graduate from high school." - ProsperUs Community Vision, Windsor, Ontario

We believe in the transformative impact of the arts and creativity in children's day to day learning. We look forward to this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our region's most vulnerable young children.

Sincerely,

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