



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/30/14  
 Agenda Item #: R.3  
 Est. Start Time: 9:40 am  
 Date Submitted: 10/20/14

<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Right Brain Initiative 2014 Progress Report Briefing</b>
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*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** October 30, 2014      **Amount of Time Needed:** 20 minutes  
**Department:** Non Departmental      **Division:** Shiprack  
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**Presenter(s):** Eloise Damrosch, Regional Arts and Culture Council; Marna Stalcup, Regional Arts and Culture Council

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Information Briefing – No Action

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

This briefing will provide the Board of Commissioners with a progress report on The Right Brain Initiative including recent test score data that substantiates the program’s impact.

Launched in 2008, The Right Brain Initiative promotes whole brain learning. The vision is to give every K-8 student in the region access to the arts regardless of neighborhood, language, or income. Through an effort engaging the entire community, The Right Brain Initiative is creating long-term, lasting change within our school systems.

The program doesn’t replace existing arts education. Instead, the arts are woven into core curriculum, giving teachers new tools to engage students in a creative process that connects back to other subjects.

Commissioner Shiprack serves on the Governing Committee of The Right Brain Initiative.

### 3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Donors are from both private (business, foundations, individuals) and public entities (Multnomah County, City of Portland, other county governments and partnering school districts).

As a public-private venture, 51% of our funding comes from public sources, including an investment by school districts of \$15 per child for each participating school to cover artists' services.

In Fiscal Year 2015, Multnomah County allocated \$167,000 to the Regional Arts and Culture Council (Program Offer #10020) including \$30,000 to support The Right Brain Initiative.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

N/A

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

N/A

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**Required Signatures**

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**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**

**Matthew Lashua /s/**

**Date: 10/20/14**

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