



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/29/11
Agenda Item #: B.1
Est. Start Time: 10:00 am
Date Submitted: 3/23/11

Agenda Title:	Right Brain Initiative Briefing
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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:	<u>March 29, 2011</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>20 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Non Departmental</u>	Division:	<u>Shiprack</u>
Contact(s):	<u>Matthew Lashua</u>		
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Presenter(s):	<u>Eloise Damrosch, Executive Director – Regional Arts and Culture Council</u>		

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.

The arts enhance every aspect of education from reading to critical thinking, social skills and motivation. Yet, after decades of extreme budget cuts, creative opportunities have all but disappeared from Portland area schools.

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

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

N/A

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.

The Right Brain Initiative is a partnership of schools, local government, private donors and the cultural community.

Required Signatures

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



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