10 Questions for Reflection and Action

1. In what ways does your arts education ecosystem reflect the ecosystem on Page 1? Where does it differ?

2. What elements of the ecosystem resonate with your experiences as a student, educator, leader?

3. What feels disconnected from your experiences? Why?

4. What are you currently doing and what else can you do to ensure all students receive these benefits? (Consider the Ten Dimensions of Powerful Arts Education Practice.)

5. What barriers exist to creating these connections and experiences for students?

6. Who are the decision makers in your local/state context who impact the policies on Page 2? (Consider the full list of actors in the Arts Education Field Guide.)

7. What is your relationship to those decision-makers?

8. Are the decision makers taking action to address this ecosystem?

9. Consider their recent actions or decisions — are they aligned with creating this ecosystem? Why or why not?

10. What would it take to move into better alignment? What can you do today, in six months and in one year to support this effort?