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### **BART American History Students to Attend *Hamilton***

ADAMS, MA – August 21, 2018 – Berkshire Arts & Technology (BART) Charter Public School is thrilled to have received a grant from the Gilder Lehrman Foundation that will afford a group of students the special opportunity to attend Broadway's hit musical *Hamilton* at the Boston Opera House this October. BART is proud to share this remarkable learning experience with students.

American History students were informed of the field trip to *Hamilton* on their first day of school, August 20, 2018. Mr. Henkel, BART's Director of Technology, believes, "This is a great opportunity for our students to not just connect with American History, but to broaden their personal experience and see how the arts can play a part in shaping cultural attitudes."

Only high school students currently enrolled in BART American History courses will be eligible to attend *Hamilton* after they participate in a three week course of study on the American Revolution and create an original performance piece. As part of the Hamilton Education Program, one such student performance will have the chance to be shown before the musical in Boston. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the cast-members after the show.

BART is a nationally recognized, award-winning, tuition-free, public middle and high school focused on preparing students for college. In 2015, US News & World Report ranked BART the 7th best high school in Massachusetts. To date, 100% of BART's graduates have passed a college course and have been accepted into college prior to graduation. BART does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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