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#### BART Welcomes Four New Trustees

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ADAMS, MA – June 18, 2013 – Berkshire Arts & Technology (BART) Charter Public School announces four new members to its Board of Trustees: Joan Jones, William Mulholland, Frederick Puddester and Geraldine Shen.

Each of the new trustees has an established relationship with BART through their service on various committees or the generous giving of their time over the years as a volunteer. The new members bring with them a wide array of philanthropic and community leadership experience:

**Joan Jones** is an experienced educator who has taught in New York, Georgia and Vermont. Joan also worked as the Volunteer Coordinator for the America Reads program at Williams College. Presently, Joan volunteers with the Sts. Patrick & Raphael Parish in Williamstown and is the creator and organizer of the Williamstown Women's Squash League. She has served on BART's Charter and Accountability Committee since 2012.

**William "Bill" Mulholland** is the Vice President of Community Education & Workforce Development at Berkshire Community College. Mulholland was the former manager of the Eaton Plant of the Sheaffer Eaton Division of Textron Incorporated and was the president of Berkshire Stationary Inc. He serves on various boards and committees for local institutions including: Pittsfield Economic Development Corporation, Berkshire Compact for Education, and the Berkshire Applied Technology Council.

**Frederick Puddester** is Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer for Williams College and is a valuable member of BART's Finance Committee. Puddester was previously the senior associate dean for finance and administration at the Johns Hopkins University Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. Prior to this he was the executive director of budget and financial planning for Johns Hopkins University and spent two decades in Maryland State government including four years as secretary of the Department of Budget and Management. Additionally he serves on numerous university and community committees including his service as co-chair of the Williams Faculty and Staff Benefits Review Committee.

**Geraldine Shen** is a Senior Development Officer for Williams College where she is responsible for oversight and cultivation of prospects on the West Coast and in Asia. Prior to this, Shen was the Director of Curriculum Development at Better Chinese in Palo Alto, CA. Geraldine serves on the board of the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition and has been a valuable member of the Development Committee at BART Charter Public School.

BART is a nationally recognized, award-winning, tuition-free public middle and high school focused on preparing students for college. One hundred percent of BART's graduates have passed a college course and have been accepted into college prior to graduation. BART does not discriminate in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its services, programs or activities, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, homelessness or age

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