The Metropolitan Arts Collaborative (MetroArtsCo), in collaboration with T.C. Williams High School, will offer free ballet classes to T.C. Williams High School students for a second year as part of the after-school activities program. Ballet classes will be held in the T.C. Williams Dance Studio and students will be trained by Virginia Britton, Director, MetroArtsCo. In addition to learning ballet dance skills, students participating also will gain increased concentration, balance, physical fitness, and self-confidence, which transfers to other activities, such as sports, other dance forms, and artistic expression. Classes will begin September 13, 2017, Wednesdays, 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM, through June 13, 2018. Students will be given an opportunity to sign up for class at the beginning of the 2017 school year. Ms. Britton’s resume includes academic accomplishments, extensive ballet training, experience as a professional dancer and choreographer, as well as business and teaching experience. She founded The Alexandria Ballet, school and company, and served as director from 1991 until it closed in 2012. She was one of the co-founders of The Metropolitan Arts Collaborative.

The Metropolitan Arts Collaborative is a fully tax-deductible nonprofit with the mission of “Building communities through the arts”. MetroArtsCo fulfills the mission by collaborating with schools, churches and organizations to bring low cost or no cost art programs to young people and senior citizens. To learn more about MetroArtsCo programs and staff and to support the mission of MetroArtsCo go to metaroartsco.org.