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*Advancing Art Education*

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Dear School Administrator:

The National Art Education Association (NAEA) shares your vision for ensuring that your students receive the best possible education and that your faculty possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning within the standards environment. The professional learning opportunities offered through the NAEA National Convention are unparalleled in the field of visual arts education, providing a comprehensive opportunity for all educators who are engaged with the arts in learning to experience exemplary practices and methodologies supported by research and aligned with best practices.

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 NAEA National Convention will be held March 17-19 in Chicago, Illinois, with the theme of "Lead: Share Your Vision for Art Education." On behalf of your art education faculty, I encourage you to support their participation in the 2016 NAEA National Convention. A vibrant, innovative community of more than 5,000 professionals representing art specialists and teachers of the visual arts, school district administrators, university professors, scholars and researchers, and museum educators will participate with the common goal of supporting student learning in and through art education - preparing students for college, career and citizenship.

Convention opportunities provide access to more than 1,000 education sessions that showcase the latest in research and practice, provide interactive learning through hands-on workshops, and museum and art studio tours. The program content is 100% education-related and can be applied immediately to teaching and learning in your school—helping to advance your school-wide goals. Attending educators can choose to earn professional development clock hours for Convention participation, or university credit through California State University, Chico.

As educators, we know that in this climate of high stakes testing, the arts are critically important in developing the habits of mind that nurture human potential and prepare our students for success in today's world. By providing released time for this professional development opportunity, and supporting travel and lodging, your encouragement of the art educators in your school further advances their knowledge and professional skills.

Additional Convention details will continue to be posted on the NAEA website at [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org). Feel free to contact us for further information.

In closing, please accept my gratitude for your leadership as we work together to achieve a shared vision that ensures a quality, comprehensive education for all students across the nation.

Sincerely,



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