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ART EDUCATION  
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Dear School Leader:

Every educator within your school plays an essential role in serving your overall school community and fostering student growth, particularly art educators. These professionals are natural problem solvers and innovative thinkers, not only achieving artistic learning objectives, but also broadening academic success.

Recognizing the evolving needs of educators in serving student populations from preK to university, the National Art Education Association (NAEA) is pleased to announce the in-person convening of thousands of art educators for the 2026 NAEA National Convention, taking place in Chicago, Illinois, March 5–7.

The 2026 NAEA National Convention offers a comprehensive opportunity for educators involved in visual arts, design, and media arts to explore exemplary models of best practices and evidence-based methodologies. Through hundreds of carefully selected sessions, interactive workshops, and discussions, participants will gain invaluable insights to enhance visual arts, design, and media arts curriculum, instruction, assessment, and leadership. The program delivers 100% educational content applicable immediately to advance school-wide objectives.

By attending our Convention, educators can document their professional learning hours and have the option to earn university credit as well. NAEA26 participants will engage with a dynamic community of professionals, including art specialists, visual arts teachers, school administrators, university professors, preservice educators, researchers, museum educators, and more—all united in their dedication to supporting student learning through arts education.

I extend my utmost appreciation for your leadership as an administrator as we collaborate to ensure access to a comprehensive, high-quality education for all students nationwide.

Thank you in advance for any support you may offer toward enabling one or more members of your faculty to participate in this unparalleled professional learning experience.

Sincerely,

Cindy Todd  
NAEA President