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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey

The 2016 Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey is web-enabled and available online beginning January 19, 2016 at <http://homeroom.state.nj.us>. The survey asks for information on programs in each school in the district. Therefore, you may want to involve your district arts supervisor in gathering the data needed for the survey. Every district in the state is required to complete the survey online. No paper documentation will be accepted. The reporting deadline is February 15, 2016.

The Visual and Performing Arts Education Survey measures arts course offerings, student participation, dedicated arts resources, district policy, instructional support, and the extent to which community assets are utilized in New Jersey's schools. This is the third time we have conducted this survey (2006, 2011) and is part of the broader Arts Education Census Project; a collaborative partnership between the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership, ArtPride New Jersey, and Quadrant Research. The Census Project will gather, evaluate, and disseminate qualitative and quantitative data regarding the status and condition of arts education throughout New Jersey.

The survey findings will be released in the spring of 2017. An in-depth analysis of school data will assist the department and its project partners understand the level of student involvement with the arts. Additionally, the survey data will help identify model programs across the state, and facilitate the alignment of resources to identified need so that all students have equitable access to high quality learning opportunities in the arts so that they may meet or exceed the requirements of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in the Visual and Performing Arts.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Dale Schmid, visual and performing arts coordinator, at (609) 984-6308 or via email at dale.schmid@doe.state.nj.us.

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