October 9, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2019 Alabama Art Education Association Conference

The Alabama Art Education Association (AAEA) will host its 2019 fall conference on October 25-27, 2019, at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama. Workshops, speakers, and training designed specifically for art educators will feature a range of topics such as lesson plans, student assessment, curriculum development, and art technology led by working artists and state art educators. Veteran art educators will be available to mentor new and veteran teachers on a variety of teaching techniques. This state conference is an opportunity for art educators in the state to refine skills, connect to colleges and universities in the area, and share ideas. Please visit http://www.aaeaonline.org for additional information.

The AAEA is a member of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), an organization that provides support and advocacy for art educators and students across the country. I encourage you to review your budget and professional development procedures to ascertain if your classroom teachers and arts specialists may attend. This statewide professional development opportunity will enhance the arts education programs in your system for students and teachers. The AAEA conference allows the sharing of ideas and networking for art educators that will benefit them in learning and implementing new strategies to improve student achievement.

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