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Dear School Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the 2009 National Art Education Association National Convention will be held in Minneapolis April 17–21. This year's theme, *Visual Arts Education: A Landscape for 21st Century Learning*, focuses on the important role of the visual arts in developing student potential and fostering creative thinking and problem-solving skills — an area of great need in today's world.

This annual gathering of almost 5,000 professionals representing professors of higher education, school district administrators, art specialists and teachers of the visual arts, and museum educators provides the largest professional development opportunity worldwide for educators engaged with the arts in learning.

Convention opportunities include over 1,000 sessions that showcase the latest in research and practice and provide interactive learning through hands-on workshops. Museum tours and other special events that extend learning in the arts are featured throughout the convention. All program events are 100% art education content that can be applied immediately to teaching and learning.

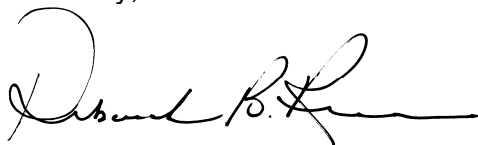
As educators, we know that in this climate of high stakes testing, the arts are critically important in developing human potential in our students. I ask your encouragement and support of your art educators in further advancing their knowledge and professional skills by providing released time and support for their participation, travel and lodging.

The preliminary program will be available on the NAEA website at www.arteducators.org and in the December 2008 *NAEA News*. Feel free to contact us for further information.

We look forward to providing a valuable and timely professional experience for your art educators!

I thank you for your leadership as we work together toward ensuring a quality education for our nation's youngest citizens — our children and youth.

Sincerely,



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