



TO: P-12 Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on the Rollout of the NYS Learning Standards and Assessments for the Arts and the Arts Pathway

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Staff will provide an update to the Board of Regents on rollout of the P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts and on the ongoing work leading to a Pathway Assessment in the Arts.

Background Information

In September 2017, the New York State Board of Regents approved the new NYS [P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts](http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917p12a2.pdf). The Department has been engaged in various activities to make these new standards available to all students through the State. (<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917p12a2.pdf>)

Professional Development

- **Summer/Fall 2017:** The arts standards writers returned to Albany for standards professional development training. In summer 2017 and very early fall, the arts standards writers trained their arts professional association's regional representatives who are partnering with the Staff and Curriculum Development Network (S/CDN) to turnkey the training to the dance, music, theater, visual, and media arts teachers of NYS.
- **February 2018:** NYC first level training February 3, 2018, teacher trainings throughout the boroughs in April and May.

- **Spring 2018 - Administrator Development:** The first administrator only training on March 12, 2018 at the Capital Region BOCES. Each BOCES representative brought with them an arts professional from their region to build awareness around the new standards and resources that are available to their staff members. The materials from the training were then released so they could be turnkeyed over the next several months by those that attended the administrator training to other arts administrators throughout the State.
- **Beginning June 2018 – Arts Teacher Professional Development:** The arts professional associations' PD team members and S/CDN together will ensure that the revised, newly developed performance expectations in five disciplines are clearly outlined for regional arts teachers across the State. The first regional training will be held at the Capital Region BOCES from June 25-27. The morning will be devoted to an overview of the new standards framework, coding system, and philosophical foundations. Team members will then break out for afternoon activities on discipline specific implementation considerations.
 - June 25 – Visual and Media Arts
 - June 26 – Music
 - June 27 – Theater and Dance

All materials will be released so that participants will be able to return to their districts and turnkey the training. Two to three similar regional trainings will take place later this year in other areas of the State.

Next Steps

- **Recruit and Hire – Associate in Instructional Services – Visual Arts.** The position of Associate in Instructional Services – Visual Arts in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction has been vacant since April. The Division of Budget has approved the waiver for the position and the posting will be released on the NYSED website and distributed statewide in the coming week. The candidate hired for this position will lead the work of, and build upon, the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission for the Arts Steering Committee to establish a viable and rigorous graduation pathway in the Arts.
- **Commencement General Education Level (C-GEL) Arts Assessment –** The Office of State Assessment continues its analysis and alignment of the C-GEL assessment items to the newly adopted NYS Learning Standards for the Arts. This is a foundation level assessment in all four disciplines and would be accessible to all New York State students.
- **Individual Arts Assessment Pathway (IAPP) –** Upon securing an arts professional in the office of Curriculum and Instruction, work will continue in the development of the Individual Arts Assessment Pathway.

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