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**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Confluence of Cultures: Educating the Public on Colonial New York

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#### SUMMARY

##### Issue for Discussion

Department staff will discuss how Office of Cultural Education collections are used to educate the public on 17th century colonial New York.

##### Reason for Consideration

For information.

##### Background Information

In 17<sup>th</sup> century colonial New York, a confluence of cultures occurred between Native and European groups – sometimes cooperative, sometimes clashing – that had a profound impact on the formation of New York's character, culture and language in lasting ways. Staff will share plans for a future State Museum gallery that examines this important formative chapter in New York's history and how it relates to the state we live in today.