



**TO:** Cultural Education  
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**SUBJECT:** Report on New York State Summer School of the Arts  
2014 session  
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**SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Discussion**

The New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) completed its 2014 program with the School of Orchestral Studies final concert at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on August 23. The committee will receive an update on the 2014 program from NYSSSA Staff and NYSSSA School of Dance Founding Artistic Director, Carolyn Adams. The committee will also view a brief video about the program produced by the Department's Communications Office.

### **Background Information**

404 students from 44 counties gained acceptance through auditions and adjudications and enrolled in the program.

School of Ballet (Skidmore College and the National Museum of Dance) 60 students  
School of Choral Studies (SUNY Fredonia) 68 students  
School of Dance (Skidmore College and National Museum of Dance) 30 students  
School of Orchestral Studies (Skidmore College) 86 students  
School of Media Arts (SUNY Oswego) 50 students  
School of Theatre (SUNY Delhi) 32 students  
School of Visual Arts (SUNY Fredonia) 78 students

NYSSSA continues to place a priority on making the program accessible to students who may not have the means to participate in a high-quality arts education program. Of the 404 students who attended NYSSSA this summer, 33% of students received discounted tuition. 12.5% of students were in households with income of less than \$35,000 per year.

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Article 7 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law establishes the Summer School of the Arts within the Education Department. 2014 marked the 45th year of the program.

**Proposed Handling**

For Information.