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TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on Cultural Resource Directory Website

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Department staff will demonstrate the Office of Cultural Education's new Find NY Culture website.

Reason for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The challenge: How can we connect New York's PreK-12 community to the thousands of educational resources and programs offered by the State's cultural organizations?

The Office of Cultural Education (OCE) has taken the first steps to address this challenge by creating FindNYCulture.org, a searchable directory of New York's 4600+ museums, libraries, historical societies, science centers, parks, zoos, university art galleries, planetariums, and more. Julie Daniels, Director of Educational Television and Public Broadcasting at OCE, will demonstrate how the site works, outline its promotion to cultural organizations and educators, and discuss its use for addressing OCE administrative functions. FindNYCulture.org was developed with input from New York teachers and cultural organizations.