

## THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Report on 2013 Summer School of the Arts

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## **Issue for Discussion**

The New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) completed its 2013 programs. The committee will receive a brief update on the operations of the program during the 2013 season.

## **Background Information**

Over 1000 students auditioned or submitted portfolios to participate in NYSSA this summer. NYSSSA enrolled 400 students in the seven schools for this summer. 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 400 students who attended NYSSSA this summer, 39.5% of students received discounted tuition. 11.5% of students were in households with income of less than \$35,000 per year.