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Dear BOCES Assistant Superintendent of Instruction,

During the April meeting of the Board of Regents, the Strategic Plan for the Arts was adopted. These new Learning Standards for the Arts will go before the Board at the September meeting. The first crucial step in the rollout of the new standards will be the training of our dance, music, theater, visual and media arts educators via our statewide network of BOCES and Teacher's Centers.

To facilitate introduction of these new standards, the New York State Alliance for the Arts would like to request inclusion on your Professional Development calendar, training dates preferably in the fall, for our transitional school year.

The standards writers from the four arts disciplines were trained in Albany at the Education Department on presentations of the new Learning Standards for the Arts. The writers will train regional representatives from their respective arts professional organizations this summer. Turnkey training will be available for arts educators in a 6 hour PD session.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience with available dates for turnkey training on the new NYS Learning Standards for the Arts. We look forward to working together to facilitate professional development opportunities for educators in all four arts disciplines during the upcoming transition year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Izzet Mergen".

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