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SUBJECT: Fine Arts Update

Proposed Board Action:

None

Background Information:

In September 2012, the Nebraska Arts Council awarded the Department of Education a grant to assist with funding for the development of a new set of standards that are reflective of Fine Arts Education in the 21st century. With recent NDE budget limitations this \$46,100 grant provided much needed funding enabling NDE to bring together groups of educators and other experts to develop the new standards. NDE has been the lead on the project and has followed the same process that has been used to develop the academic content standards in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Over the past several months the writing and editing groups have met several times to work on the drafts. This update will provide information on the design of the new standards and identify the anticipated time line for public input and approval by the State Board of Education.

Estimated Cost:

\$46,100 from the Nebraska Arts Council.

Supporting Documentation Included:

For Additional Information on this item:

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