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SUBJECT: Fine Arts Standards

Proposed Board Action:

Adopt Fine Arts Standards for Nebraska K-12 students.

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. This grant provided much needed funding enabling NDE to bring together groups of educators and other experts to develop the new standards in the areas of Visual Arts, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, and Dance. 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 other areas. Over the past several months writing and editing groups have met several times to work on the drafts. During the past two months there have been several opportunities to provide input including a web based survey and a public hearing. The standards were also sent to external experts in each of the specific areas for a validation review for depth, breath, clarity, specificity, and measurability. All of this various information was reviewed and taken into consideration by the editing committee prior to submitting the final draft.

Estimated Cost:

No additional

Supporting Documentation Included:

Link to the draft standards is -- <http://www.education.ne.gov/FineArts/index.html>

For Additional Information on this item:

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