



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Donlynn Rice, Administrator Curriculum Instruction and Innovation
Mary Duffy, Director High Ability Learning - Visual and Performing Arts Liaison

SUBJECT: Accept a Grant from the Nebraska Arts Council

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Commissioner to accept a Grant from the Nebraska Arts Council and authorize Department Staff to begin the Development of Visual and Performing Arts Standards for Nebraska.

Background Information:

In August of 2012, the Nebraska Arts Council partnered with NDE staff to provide a presentation focusing on the current state of Arts education in Nebraska and highlight the need to revise the current set of standards developed in 1998. This grant will allow for the partnership to continue with the development of a new set of standards that are reflective of Visual and Performing Arts Education in the 21st century. With recent NDE budget limitations this \$20,500 grant will provide much needed funding enabling NDE to bring together groups of educators and other expertise to develop the new standards. NDE will be the lead on the project and will follow the same process that has been used to develop the academic content standards in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

Estimated Cost:

No Cost - Department will receive \$20,500 in a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

For Additional Information on this item:

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