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Editor's note: Photo of Mary Duffy attached to this email.

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DUFFY NAMED CONTACT FOR NEBRASKA FINE ARTS EDUCATION



Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed on Tuesday named Mary Duffy the contact for fine arts education in Nebraska.

Duffy has served Nebraska schools for 11 years as the state director of high ability learning. She will continue that role and take on the additional responsibility for fine arts education effective immediately. Duffy will be the point of contact for fine arts education and will help coordinate fine arts curriculum and activities for Nebraska schools.

"I am looking forward to the new role, working with educators and the public involved in arts education. I anticipate that combining high ability learning with fine arts will work well in Nebraska," Duffy said, noting that three other states have successfully combined these two academic content areas to serve their schools.

Duffy is a veteran Nebraska educator who taught 14 years with the Omaha Public Schools and three years at Millard Public Schools. In Omaha, she also served as an assistant elementary principal at Montclair School and principal at both Christ the King School and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, a college preparatory school for women, before becoming the state director of high ability learning in 2001.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and an educational administration endorsement from Creighton University as well as a certificate in educational administration and supervision from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1994.

Duffy has been a member of several professional organizations, including the Nebraska State Education Association, the Omaha Education Association, the National Education Association and the Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted.