



Dear School Administrator:

As president of the New Mexico Art Education Association (NMAEA), I want to encourage you to consider sending your art educators to the annual fall conference. As partners in educating our youth, the NMAEA shares your vision for ensuring that your students receive the best possible education and that your faculty possesses a greater understanding of teaching and learning. The NMAEA fall conference offers a comprehensive opportunity for your art educators.

We are excited to announce the 2017 fall conference which will be held November 3-5 in Roswell, NM with the theme of "Art of This World: We Are Not Alone." The conference is an opportunity for art educators to connect with a vibrant, innovative community of art specialists, artists, K-12 teachers of visual arts, school district administrators, university professors, and museum educators with the common goal of advancing art education for the benefit of students in schools across New Mexico.

Conference opportunities include educational sessions which provide interactive learning opportunities through hands-on workshops and showcase the latest in best practices. The content of this experience is 100% education-related and can be applied immediately to teaching in your learning community. NMAEA continually enlists high quality presenters to showcase a variety of workshops that address 21st century learning skills. As educators, we know that in this climate of high stakes testing, the arts are critically important in developing the habits of mind that nurture human potential and prepare our students for success in today's world. By providing released time and supporting travel and lodging, your encouragement of the art educator(s) in your school and district further advances their knowledge and professional skills.

In addition, this professional development can be used toward fulfilling the Domain 4 of NM's teacher evaluation system. Further conference details are posted on the NMAEA website, [newmexicoarteducators.org](http://www.newmexicoarteducators.org). Please feel free to contact me for additional information at jfurman@risd.k12.nm.us or you can call me on my cell at 281.606.9873. I extend my appreciation to you for your leadership as we work together to offer quality, comprehensive education to students in our state.

Thank you,
Jennifer Furman
NMAEA President