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**MEMORANDUM NO. 2009-117**

**TO:** School District Superintendents
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**FROM:** Jim McBride, Ed.D.

**DATE:** August 14, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Arts Education Webinar

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**INFORMATION TO SHARE – PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE**

Attached please find information sent to me dated August 14, 2009, concerning an Arts Education Webinar with Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.

Please share this information with your staff. The information on the conference call registration is indicated in the attached note.

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Attachments (2)

From:AFTA Emerging Leaders List [mailto:AFTAEL-L@LISTSERV.ARTSUSA.ORG]
On Behalf Of Stephanie Evans
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 8:11 AM
To: AFTAEL-L@LISTSERV.ARTSUSA.ORG
Subject: FW: Arts Education Webinar with Arne Duncan

Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan released a letter to school officials and community leaders reminding them of the important role of arts education in a student's life. The letter is attached.

This letter offers strong encouragement to education decision makers to find time and funds in the school day to offer a comprehensive, sequential and standards-based arts education. Please distribute the letter broadly to anyone in your community who might benefit from reading it.

The Secretary has also agreed to join a national conference call hosted by the NAMM Foundation and the Support Music Coalition on Tuesday, August 18th at 1 pm Eastern to discuss the importance of arts education in K-12 education.

Mary Luehrsen, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations will moderate a live conversation with Secretary Duncan concerning his letter about the importance of arts education in our nationâ€™s schools.

Join the call to hear what the US Sec of Education has to say about arts education. We encourage you to forward this invitation to your local school and community leaders and urge their participation in the call.

Registration for the conference call is now available. Use the following URL to register for the event; please register now and up to
15 minutes prior to the event at
http://webcast.streamlogics.com/audience/index.asp?eventid=78250848 (
blocked::http://webcast.streamlogics.com/audience/index.asp?eventid=78250848
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Congratulations and thanks go to Support Music (http://supportmusic.com/ (
blocked::http://supportmusic.com/ )) and the NAMM Foundation (http://www.music-research.org) ( blocked::http://www.music-research.org)/ ) for this wonderful accomplishment.

-John

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We encourage you to visit the Department's Web site for arts education at http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/programs.html to learn more about our grant programs and find resources to meet the challenges ahead. Together, we can and should do better for America's students.

Sincerely,

/s/

Arne Duncan