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Dear Alaskan School District,

The Alaska Arts Education Consortium is offering your district the opportunity to **renew or join membership for the 2014-2015 school year**. Your timely renewal ensures priority space and discounted fees in upcoming professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators, up to date news and research, in-service support, and recognition and awards for outstanding leaders in arts education.

The Alaska Arts Education Consortium believes that an essential way to help all Alaskan students reach their full potential, address Alaskan Common Core Standards, and provide a balanced, well rounded education, is to train classroom teachers and administrators to integrate the arts throughout the curriculum. Over the past decade, AAEC has earned a reputation for providing high quality teacher and administrator arts integration training. An excellent way to increase access and quality to the arts for all students is by joining AAEC. Like other, similar consortia in Alaska (writing, science, math, geography, and technology), AAEC enables districts to join together to maximize training and share resources.

We would be proud to have you join other districts as a member of the Alaska Arts Education Consortium for the 2014-2015 school year. Together we will continue to advance the mission of “promoting learning in and through the arts for all Alaskan students.” AAEC now has 21 member districts, representing 75% of the students in Alaska. With strong district support and additional partner memberships, the AAEC has successfully received state and federal grants to help increase the arts in schools.

Some districts have accessed Title I or II funds to help pay for the cost of membership. *“Under NCLB, Title I, Part A funds can be used by local education agencies to improve the educational achievement of disadvantaged students through the arts. In the same way, Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants can address the professional development needs of the teachers including arts integration. Portions of Title II funds can support partnerships that include non-profit, cultural arts organizations.”*

**2014-2015 Membership Invoice:** If you decide to join now or renew your district membership, please fill out the attached contact sheet and forward the invoice to your accounting department.

Payment and membership can be mailed directly to AAEC. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. We hope you'll join us for the upcoming year!

Please visit our website for information about upcoming Arts Institutes and resources:  
[www.akartsed.org](http://www.akartsed.org)

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