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Dear Administrator:

The Maine Arts Leadership Initiative (MALI – formerly known as the Maine Arts Assessment Initiative) is pleased to announce the 2015 Biennial Statewide Arts Education conference “Maine Arts Education: *The Measure of Success*” will be held on Friday, October 9, Point Lookout Conference Center, Northport. On behalf of your visual and performing arts education teaching staff, I encourage you to support their participation in the conference. We are fortunate in Maine to have a vibrant community of arts professionals who will attend the conference with the common goal of advancing arts education for the benefit of all students in schools across Maine.

MALI (MAAI) was established in 2011 by the Maine Department of Education and is presently a program of the Maine Arts Commission. The conference program is grounded in the mission: ***MALI is committed to the development of Teacher leaders to ensure deep understanding and meaningful implementation of high quality teaching, learning and assessment in the Arts.***

Conference opportunities include engaging workshops on Assessment, Teacher Effectiveness, Arts Integration, Proficiency-Based Education, Movement/Dance and the Creative Process, Brain Development, Studio Habits of Mind, Benchmarking in Music, and Assessment in Visual Arts. These workshops will showcase the latest in research and practice, provide interactive learning through hands-on experiences, and challenge teachers thinking. The content of the conference can be applied immediately to teaching and learning in your school – helping to advance your goals.

The MALI shares your vision for ensuring that Maine students receive the best possible education and that your teachers possess a deep knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning. The professional learning opportunities made available through the MALI are unparalleled in the field of visual and performing arts education in Maine. MALI offers a comprehensive opportunity for educators who are engaged with the arts in learning to experience exemplary practices, methodologies, and research.

I appreciate your commitment to visual and performing arts education and in supporting your arts educators with release time and in whatever way you can, so they may attend. In closing please accept my gratitude for your leadership that ensures a quality, comprehensive education for all students across Maine.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions by email argy.nestor@maine.gov or by phone 207-287-2713.

Yours in Arts Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Argy Nestor'.

Ms. Argy Nestor
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