



July 27, 2010

Dear Principal or School Leader,

The Perpich Center for Arts Education received special legislative funding to support a statewide Minnesota Arts Education Survey and I encourage your full participation. The survey, which requires participation by every Minnesota school, will examine all aspects of arts education in our schools.

In addition to the Department of Education, the Minnesota Arts Education Survey is being endorsed by the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association (MESPA) and the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

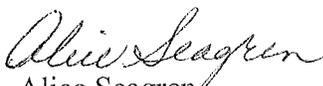
Launch date for the web-based survey is November 8, 2010. You will receive a link from MESPA, MASSP or the Perpich Center so that your school may review and complete the online survey. You may wish to involve your school arts teachers in gathering data needed for the survey.

Findings from the survey will be released in Spring 2012 and you will have access to the data collected, as well as the analysis that will be provided for leaders who have interest in fostering arts education in schools. The Minnesota Arts Education Survey will measure course offerings, student participation, resources, policies, use of standards, instructional support, and arts integration in Minnesota's schools.

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Alina Campana, Minnesota Arts Education Survey coordinator, at 763-591-4803 or alina.campana@pcae.k12.mn.us.

Thank you in advance for participating in this important data collection opportunity.

Sincerely,


Alice Seagren
Commissioner