

April 2, 2014

## Dear Principal:

As you read in Brian Sevier and Karol Gates' letter earlier this week, Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) is working with the Colorado Department of Education to assess the current level of arts education in Colorado schools. The baseline for this survey was established in 2008 and we are following up to identify progress, trends, and areas of need.

To do this, we need your help. We understand that many schools approach arts education differently, and we want to capture the variety of strategies used in Colorado. The survey asks you to identify the level and type of arts education offered in your school, and has been reviewed and approved for distribution by the CDE Educational Data Advisory Committee (EDAC).

## Please note the following:

- We understand not all public schools offer arts education, and instead have other priorities. If that is true for your school, please indicate that on the survey (question 2) and complete the few remaining questions.
- Some of the information asked for in the survey may not be readily available; in that case, please provide your best guess estimates.
- All information will be held completely confidential. Only you and the research analyst, a third party separate from the State, will have access to your responses. All results will be analyzed and reported in the aggregate.
- As a thank-you to all schools who participate, you will receive a customized benchmarking report comparing your school to all other respondents.
- As an *additional* thank you to schools who participate, several of our cultural partners have donated gifts that will be part of a lottery at the end of the survey!

Please do not hesitate to contact Jane Hansberry Ph.D. (the project's team leader) if there are any questions, concerns or problems related to the survey. Jane can be reached at jane@janehansberry.com

The survey will be in the field all of April, **due April 30**<sup>th.</sup> Specific directions for questionnaire completion are in the introductory paragraph of the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/COArtsEducationSurvey

Sincerely,

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