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## **NCCAS will launch a public review of draft high school arts standards on September 30**

The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) will conduct a public review of substantive portions draft high school national core arts standards for dance, media arts, music, theatre and visual arts beginning September 30 and ending October 21, 2013. Music will include draft high school music standards for the strand of secondary ensembles as part of the review.

Everyone with an interest is welcome to participate in the public review.

The public review of the draft PreK-8 standards was completed in this past summer, with more than 3,000 arts administrators, parents, educators, teaching artists, and community arts providers reviewing the work. The public will be invited to a “town hall” style meeting and streaming live “chat” on October 1 that will include an update on the standards project and a summary of the data collected from the PreK-8 review.

NCCAS is the coalition of national arts and education organizations and media arts representatives that are developing the 2014 National Core Arts Standards. The new, voluntary grade-by-grade web-based standards are intended to affirm the place of arts education in a balanced core curriculum, support the 21st-century needs of students and teachers, and help ensure that all students are college and career ready. The arts standards emphasize “big ideas,” philosophical foundations, enduring understandings/essential questions, and anchor/performance standards, all of which are intended to guide the curriculum development and instructional practices that leads to arts literacy for all students.

Public review of the comprehensive draft PreK-12 standards, including examples of model cornerstone assessments, will begin in January, 2014, with a projected release date for the finished standards in March, 2014.

NCCAS is committed to a state-led transparent process; with frequent public input and access to work updates. To find out how to participate in the review process and to view all public documents related to the arts standards, visit <http://nccas.wikispaces.com/>

