



**MICHIGAN  
ART EDUCATION  
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Dear School Leader:

The Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) recognizes the incredible dedication of every educator in your school community, especially during these uniquely challenging times. Art educators, in particular, bring invaluable strengths as creative thinkers and natural problem solvers. Beyond delivering rich artistic experiences, they play a vital role in fostering social-emotional learning, critical thinking, and student engagement.

To continue supporting this important work, we're excited to announce the **2025 MAEA Art Education Conference**, titled "**Create, Connect, Inspire.**" This year's event will take place **in person, November 13–16**, at the beautiful **Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City**. Online registration is now open!

This annual conference offers a dynamic professional learning experience designed specifically for visual arts educators across all grade levels—from pre-K through higher education, and museum education. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in over **175** hands-on workshops and presentations, hear from inspiring keynote speakers, explore off-site learning experiences, and engage in thoughtful dialogue with colleagues from across Michigan. All sessions are grounded in research and best practices and are aligned with school and district goals. Educators can also earn State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) for their participation.

We truly appreciate your leadership and your continued support of a well-rounded, equitable education for all students. We hope you will encourage your art educators to attend and consider offering financial support, which may include MAEA membership, conference registration, substitute coverage, and travel or lodging expenses. Make sure to register your educator with the NAEA early to avoid any delays. Here is the link to register:

<https://www.miarted.org/events.php#workshop-proposals>

Thank you for championing the arts and empowering educators to grow, connect, and inspire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Montero".

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