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Dear Dr. Dooley:

The Georgia Art Education Association supports the revision the Georgia Performance Standards in Visual and Theatre Arts. Many art teachers were involved in the revision and advisory process, including members of our organization. The revisions address many needs in the Visual Art standards, including the addition of Media Arts standards. We had many subjects that were using QCCs as their standards and were no longer relevant in our industry. Now all Visual Arts subjects have updated standards that will help art teachers give students a world-class art education.

Our organization looks forward to using these standards to help art teachers develop curriculum that can give our students the tools they need to prepare for any career. Strong Visual Arts standards support creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking skills that our students need to be successful. These standards also address subjects, such as film, that are not yet commonly taught in Georgia's schools. By creating new standards, we are supporting job development in several creative industries in our state.

Sincerely,

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