



# BEYOND LOOKING 2017

AENJ Conference



Dear School Administrator:

The Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) shares your vision for ensuring that your faculty possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of contemporary learning and assessment practices. Ensuring that students receive the best possible education within the New Jersey standards environment. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides further opportunities for teachers to focus on the four Cs of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking—all components of a quality visual arts education.

The professional learning opportunities offered through the AENJ Annual Conference are unparalleled in the field of visual arts education to any other opportunities in our state. This annual professional development event provides a comprehensive opportunity for all educators who are engaged with the arts to experience exemplary practices and methodologies supported by research and aligned with best practices.

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 AENJ Conference will be held October 1-3 in Long Branch, with the theme of "Beyond Looking." On behalf of your art education faculty, we encourage you to support their participation in the conference. A vibrant, innovative community of more than 700 professionals representing art specialists and teachers of the visual arts, school district administrators, university professors, artists and museum educators will participate—with the common goal of supporting student learning in and through art education.

As educators, we know that in this climate of high stakes testing and state implementation of ESSA, the arts are critically important in developing the habits of mind that nurture human potential and prepare our students for success in today's world. Additional conference details will be posted on the AENJ website at [www.aenj.org](http://www.aenj.org). Please contact us with questions or for further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

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