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Dear School Administrator,

Spring is often a time when school administrators in Indiana begin to formulate budgets for the next school year. We are acutely aware that this is a particularly difficult task due to the Governor's recent mandate to reduce school funding. We ask however, that you make every effort to include funding for professional development for your teachers in your budget. As you are surely aware, the children of today are far different than those of yesteryear. If they are to succeed, teachers need opportunities to learn vital, new teaching strategies and methods that can better prepare their students for the 21st Century.

One professional development opportunity that is especially important to art teachers here in Indiana is the annual AEAI Fall Convention, which will occur in Ft. Wayne November 4th-6th. Numerous professional presentations and workshops will be offered devoted to helping art educators learn how to engage their students with meaningful and relevant learning. Also present at this year's convention will be **Dr. Eric P. Jensen**, internationally known author and expert in brain-based learning. We are very excited that such a significant authority on learning will be addressing and working with our attendees. AEAI, the largest professional organization for art teachers in Indiana, routinely provides significant development opportunities for teachers throughout the year and this Fall Convention is no exception.

Thank you for supporting Indiana teachers. We look forward to seeing the art teachers in your corporation join with us at this year's Fall Convention and at other professional development opportunities where we share the goal of successfully educating and preparing Indiana's youth to be successful.

Sincerely,

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