



Illinois Art  
Education  
Association

Dear Educational Leader,

The Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA) supports art educators by providing meaningful and relevant professional development opportunities for the field of art, design, and media education. The learning that takes place in the studio environment plays a crucial role in cultivating collaboration, communication, critical thinking, curiosity, innovation, problem-solving capabilities, and so much more. The development of these skills will serve our students well in whatever path they choose after graduation. Professional learning opportunities for art, design, and media educators are crucial to support strong programs that provide authentic, equitable learning and assessment practices in the classroom. The annual IAEA Conference aims to do just that.

The 2023 IAEA Conference will be held October 19th-21st in St. Charles at the Q-Center. Registration is now open for this conference. This year we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary as an organization and have planned a wonderful, robust conference that features special speakers, presentations showcasing the latest research, teaching and assessment practices, as well as hand-on workshops and media explorations. Attendees will have a wealth of new content and strategies to immediately apply to their studio classrooms and help advance your school-wide goals. IAEA is an approved Illinois Professional Development Provider and all attendees will receive PD credit for their time at the conference.

As a presenter at this year's conference, your staff member is vital to the success of the conference. Sharing their expertise and experience with others in the field shows exceptional leadership and service to the field. On behalf of the IAEA community which is made up of 750+ professionals representing art, design, and media educators, artists, art specialists, school district administrators, university professors, scholars and researchers, and museum educators, I would encourage you to support your staff member's attendance and presentation at this year's conference. Thank you in advance for any support you might provide for participating members of your faculty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Popovich".

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