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Dear School Administrator:

The National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) was established by the National Art Education Association (NAEA) in 1989 to inspire and recognize students who have demonstrated passion and dedication through their art and community service. We share your vision for ensuring that your students receive the best possible education and that your faculty possesses a deep knowledge and understanding of teaching and learning. Participation in NJAHS provides your students, faculty, school, and community with invaluable benefits—including peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, recognition of your art program, and so much more.

In alignment with the NJAHS Constitution, individual chapters are encouraged to identify their own operating procedures, traditions, and service priorities which highlight the value of the arts as an integral part of their school's curriculum. NAEA provides a variety of resources to assist with the establishment, management, and success of your chapter—including the **2018-2019 Chapter Handbook and Resource Catalog for New Chapters**.

When you establish an NJAHS chapter, your students have the opportunity to publish their work in *NAHS News* (a semi-annual, full-color digital publication), as well as apply for inclusion in the annual NAHS/NJAHS Juried Exhibition held at the NAEA Studio & Gallery. Additionally, your students and faculty can participate in valuable community service projects and purchase NJAHS supplies and recognition merchandise.

Additional program details can be found on the NAHS website, *NAHS Link*, at www.arteducators.org/nahs. Feel free to contact us for more information.

As educators, we know that in this climate of high-stakes testing, 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. NJAHS recognizes our creative leaders and magnifies the innovation, skills, and scholarship that your art program brings to your school and community.

Please accept my gratitude for your leadership as we work together to achieve a shared vision that ensures a quality, comprehensive education for all students across the nation. We look forward to welcoming you, your visual art faculty, and your students to the NJAHS program and wish you a year filled with artful success!

Sincerely,

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