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Dear _____,

As you consider the importance of quality professional development for your staff members, please consider supporting my participation in the annual **Tennessee Art Education Association (TAEA) Conference**. This year's conference will be held **October 28-29, 2023** at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville with the Awards Reception taking place on October 27th at The Knoxville Museum of Art. The theme for this year's state conference is:



Activities include:

- Nationally recognized keynote speakers Jorge Lucero from The University of Illinois and National Art Education Association President, Wanda Knight from Penn State.
- Professional development credit hours for workshops, sessions and lectures all day Saturday and ½ day on Sunday.
- Hands-on classes that show innovative techniques and best practices in the art classroom
- Sessions and lectures provide information including, art advocacy, curriculum, student engagement, and best practices
- Workshops and lectures covering a wide variety and topics, focusing on best practices for student engagement, current trends in education, new methods and materials and so much more!
- State Art Education Awards Ceremony and Reception on Friday Evening
- Updated information on programs such as Youth Art Month and other state-wide exhibitions
- Grants advice and information on saving, garnering, and finding funding for the art classroom
- Colleges and art schools providing information on scholarships that will benefit our students
- Vendors with up-to-date information on classroom materials

My goal has always been to be a life-long learner in order to provide quality art education for the students in our school while networking with and mentoring other art educators from across the state. I am asking for your support to attend this year's conference on Thursday through Saturday so that I might accomplish these goals. I hope you will let me know as soon as possible, so that our district will be eligible for the discounted registration rate. You can visit the TAEA website at www.tnarteducation.org for more information on this conference. Please consider this valuable opportunity and let me know if you can be of support with registration fees and/or accommodation expenses.

Sincerely,

(Teacher Name)