

# INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 18, 2003

**TO:** MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FROM:** Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**SUBJECT:** Visual and Performing Arts Draft Framework

The draft Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Framework is being submitted to the State Board of Education as an information item for December 2003 and for adoption by the SBE in January 2004.

In 2001, the VPA Curriculum Framework and Criteria Committee (CFCC), under the direction of the Curriculum Commission, convened and began production of a draft VPA Framework. The CFCC involved members who were subject area experts and K-12 classroom teachers. The draft has been reviewed at regular intervals by the Commission's VPA Subject Matter Committee (SMC), has had an online field review, and has had opportunities for public comment. Changes and edits from all the reviews were completed by Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division staff in October 2003. The draft was approved by the Curriculum Commission for recommendation to the State Board of Education (SBE) on November 7, 2003. CDE Press is in the process of editing the draft framework for grammar and style, not content. The Commission is requesting that the SBE review the framework in December 2003 and consider the framework for adoption at the January 2004 SBE meeting. Publication and distribution will follow SBE adoption.

Attachment 1: Copy of the draft Visual and Performing Arts Framework that was approved by the Curriculum Commission on November 7, 2003.  
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