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DATE: February 6, 2025
TO: FNSB Board of Education
FROM: Chane Beam, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning
SUBJECT: K-12 Art Curriculum

The proposed *Art Curriculum* for grades K-12 is ready for consideration by the School Board for adoption. **The administration's recommendation is to adopt the proposed curriculum.**

The proposed *Art Curriculum* has followed the established revision process outlined in [AR 910](#). The research and review stage began in the 2023-24 school year. At that time, art teachers from across the district met to discuss the curriculum, and reflect on the relevance of the currently adopted curriculum and whether it continues to meet the needs of students and teachers. They also considered community input, and researched current trends and best practices.

The proposed curriculum went through two drafts; the first was released for public comment in October 2024 and draft two had minimal changes based on public comment for draft 1. Throughout the process, feedback was solicited from a variety of stakeholders, including administrators, teachers, parents, students, the Board Curriculum Committee, UAF faculty, and community organizations such as the Fairbanks Native Association, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and the Fairbanks NAACP. On multiple occasions, Teaching and Learning also met with art teachers to discuss the drafts. The curriculum writers reviewed and considered all feedback in order to guide revisions of the next draft.

The final draft is a strong document and reflects the priorities of the School Board's Strategic Plan, as well as the input provided throughout the process. It outlines a comprehensive plan for educating students, and is aligned to the [National Core Arts Standards](#) and the [Alaska Arts Standards](#).