



Virginia Art Education Association

To promote, support and advance visual arts education through professional development, leadership, research and service.

The visual arts are a universal language. Through education, they serve as a vehicle of cultural understanding, while celebrating the strength of the individual and their connection to a broader narrative. The arts are expressions of the human condition, and have remained catalysts for social justice and equity since time can remember. This time is different. The systemic racism that has long plagued our nation must stop. Voices must not be silenced, and the role that art education plays in understanding and contextualizing the needs of all people to be treated with equality and respect is of utmost importance to us all. The Virginia Art Education Association believes that real change must happen.

We celebrate the work of all visual arts educators in providing opportunities for students to understand and express these ideas through the power of the visual arts. Through many forms of expression, our art programs provide invaluable opportunities to reflect on, remember, and react to the injustices facing African American and other minority communities across our Commonwealth. Through art education, we continue to help students make connections and develop understandings that are vital in promoting positive change. Our organization stands in support of promoting visual art education to address these inequalities and provide ways for our students to make their voices heard.

We stand in solidarity. “BLACK LIVES MATTER. Art matters. In the cause of achieving greater social justice and the work of shaping human potential, we’ve been indispensable enriched by both. “ NAEA.

VAEA is actively working on a new strategic goal on equity, diversity & inclusion and supports the NAEA Platform and Position Statements.

<https://www.arteducators.org/about/platform-and-position-statements>



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As communities of color across the nation join with allies to resist the systemic racism that violently impacts the daily lives of those we are entrusted to teach and protect, the National Art Education Association stands more committed than ever before to the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion. To seeing the value in every life we come in contact with. To reinforcing our shared connections in the face of those who seek to divide us.

