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**TAEA/VASE 2013-2014**

December 10, 2013

**Superintendent of Schools**

The visual art students in your district are invited to participate in the annual Regional Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE) the UIL equivalent for visual art in Texas, sponsored by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA).

###### Saturday, February 15 2014

**Timberview High School (Mansfield ISD)**

**7700 S Watson Rd**

### Arlington, Texas 76002

VASE affords Visual Arts Teachers and district officials a standard of excellence by which to measure their art program’s overall academic achievement and effectiveness by providing students an educational TEKS-based evaluation of their artwork while recognizing exemplary student achievement. Students are individually interviewed by a TAEA/VASE certified juror and a rating is determined through a standards-based rubric developed using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts and the *Feldman Model* for visual art evaluation. Both the technical aspects of the artwork and the student’s interview are used in scoring. This process gives students an opportunity to discuss with a juror their understanding of the art processes involved in the development of their artwork. Students gain confidence in their artistic abilities and hone their communication skills by explaining their creative process to professional jurors. The critical thinking and problem-solving skills learned through these artistic pursuits are most beneficial to students as they prepare for "real" world experience. Students are provided written and verbal constructive feedback on their artwork with exemplary artistic achievement given an award of excellence.

All registration for VASE is done through the web site at [www.taea.org/vase](http://www.taea.org/vase). The website will alert sponsors to entry deadlines.

VASE guidelines are reviewed annually and posted on the website. The guidelines should be read carefully, as infractions will unfortunately result in disqualification. All teacher sponsors must be current members of TAEA and accept the responsibility of students, procedures, and entries. It is prohibited for a TAEA member teacher to sponsor a non-TAEA member’s students. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification of the TAEA member’s students and the non-TAEA member’s students.

Students may enter a total of two works of art. The cost of **each artwork** entered is **$15.00**. Students and their teacher must be present **with** their artworks at the regional event. All Texas high school students in grades 9-12 can participate in one of four divisions. Divisions are based on high school credits earned in art. However, Texas State Law requires that all participants meet eligibility requirements. These requirements can be found on the website.

I hope your district will make every effort to participate in this year's TAEA Visual Art Scholastic Event (VASE). It is our desire to provide a positive educational experience for you, your teachers, and your students.

If you have any questions, please call or email:

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