

Hi Lee,

I follow the communications I receive from the Cape Cod art teachers group closely, and I often wish that I were closer and could attend your gatherings. You are privileged to be among a very dedicated and warm group of studio teaching professionals.

I wanted to suggest that you may find additional advocacy resources by visiting the NAEA website at: <http://www.naea-reston.org/advocacy>

Recently NAEA engaged BJ Adler who was the former Executive Director of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers program in NYC, as a consultant to bring some organization and structure to the variety of advocacy materials that had been collected by the NAEA leadership from member art teachers across the nation. The program that BJ ran is known to many simply as the Scholastic Arts awards. She ran that program for many years for the entire country. We were very lucky to have BJ's advice and leadership for this effort.

Perhaps that website and those materials will provide additional ideas to the art teachers in the Cape Cod group.

With sincere regards,

Barry

PS - You may also want to recommend that folks take a look at the 21stC Skills website. It includes a framework that provides a foundation for 21stC skills. Various disciplinary program maps are included on the site for content area description of teaching 21stC skills including the recently developed map for the arts.

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