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Friday Forecast

FINE ARTS Group is Adding on Dance and Drama

The ROE continues its work with several interested districts to provide professional development sessions focused on aligning with the Illinois Fine Arts Standards and exploration of inquiry models and assessment. Mr. Justin Sisul and Dr. Anne Becker will continue facilitating Music and Visual Arts sessions on the remaining days:

- February 8
- March 2 (Countywide Institute Day)
- April TBD – half day session

For interest and inquiries, please email Dr. Sharon Frys at sfrys@dupageroe.org.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Register: [here](#)

We are pleased to share that in the upcoming weeks, we will be adding support for our **Dance and Drama Fine Arts** teachers on the dates listed below. All districts are welcome.

Dance: February 7, 2018 [See Dance flier](#)

March 2, 2018

April (TBD)

Facilitating Dance discussions will be Susan A. Lee (Northwestern University). Susan's past experiences include being lead author on *The Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts: Dance*, for CPS. She has served as a consultant and regular presenter of Professional Development locally and nationally. Susan has worked as the technical reviewer for IL Dance Standards. She is currently working with Ingenuity on Professional Development of Teaching Artists in Dance for Collaboration with the Schools. Susan led the professional development session at Stevenson High School to launch their work with the Standards. She regularly consults on Dance Assessments. Susan is a very active in the National Dance Education Organization and was recently awarded the Presidents Prize in Dance Education.

Drama: March 2, 2018 [See Drama flier](#)

April (TBD)

In the area of Drama, teachers will work with Elisabeth Westphal. Elisabeth has taught theatre and movement for over thirty years in schools, arts centers, and community settings. She currently is the drama specialist at Nichols Middle School in Evanston, Illinois. Elisabeth was a writer for the theatre section of the National Core Arts Standards and recently served on the Steering and Advisory committee and as a writer for the new Illinois Theatre Standards. She chaired the Illinois Theatre in Our Schools Conference in 2015 and 2016. Elisabeth has received the Illinois Theatre Association 2016 Award for Excellence in Creative Drama, AATE Creative Drama Award, and The Office Max Teacher of the year Award. This expert is currently working with a group of representatives from various fine arts organizations to develop an Administrators Academy to help principals learn to evaluate fine arts teachers for the Illinois State Board of Education.