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Date: February 15, 2011  
Memo To: DOE Complex Area Superintendents and Principals  
From: Ronald K. Yamakawa, Executive Director  
Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts  
Subject: Art Bento Program @ Hawai'i State Art Museum  
(HiSAM)

The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (HSFCA) is pleased to offer the Art Bento Program @ HiSAM, a museum education program of the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Arts education is a priority in the HSFCA Strategic Plan: "To increase opportunities for arts education and experiences, especially for preK-12 grade level students."

The Art Bento Program @ HiSAM is a standards-based museum education program, especially developed for kindergarten through sixth grade students and their teachers. The theme, "Responding to Art", is supported by an introductory professional development session for teachers. The unique three-part museum experience emphasizes fine arts literacy and is led by qualified teaching artists from the Artistic Teaching Partners (ATP) roster. The program begins in the classroom with the Teaching Artist leading a pre-visit lesson. During the museum visit, students experience an inquiry-based guided tour in the HiSAM galleries, engage in an art making lesson with their Teaching Artist, and explore art concepts through hands-on activities in the "I Love Art Gallery." During the post-visit in the classroom, students review concepts and vocabulary as they reflect on the museum experience.

There is no cost to schools to participate in the program. In addition, the program also provides funds for bus transportation to the museum.

Attached is an Art Bento Program @ HiSAM informational flyer and a Request for Participation (RFP) for SY2011-12. The RFPs are due Monday, April 11, 2011.

If there are any questions, please call Susan Hogan, Museum Educator, at 586-9958 or email [hisameducation@gmail.com](mailto:hisameducation@gmail.com).

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