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Greetings—

During the 2020-2021 school year, the VASE program was forced to move to virtual events, so all images and student response writing needed to be uploaded so that we could provide a no-contact Virtual VASE Event at all levels. Students and teachers began uploading all parts of their entries onto the VASE portion of the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) website rather than attending in-person events. This move required that students have accessible upload features, which requires a student email address so that they can upload artwork images and complete writing about their art online. Having entry contents available online was seen by all as the best way to ensure that VASE events could continue, despite the unpredictable nature of this pandemic, so VASE to make online uploads VASE policy. This year, our concerns for participant safety caused TAEA to move from the in-person events we had planned to Virtual Events for High School VASE; online uploads are again the only way for students to participate and represent their excellent school Visual Art programs.

On behalf of its VASE Program, which has served as a UIL-equivalent standard for more than 25 years, TAEA is asking that all District Administrators, and lead teachers in districts without an administrator or coordinator, ask their District Email Administrators to please whitelist emails from the TAEA.org domain. These emails contain a personal entry link for each student and are the only way students may enter their artwork in VASE Events. Since many students only have district-domain email accounts, whitelisting TAEA.org could be the only way many students can access the entry portal without VASE emails being blocked or sent to the Junk/Trash folder. This applies to High School and Junior VASE participants in grades 6-12 across Texas (TEAM K-5 entries are uploaded by teachers).

The State Directors of VASE and the TAEA Executive Board are working together to provide the best VASE experience possible for all Visual Art students. We ask that you help students in your district gain access to these vital messages so that they can participate in VASE 2022. Any questions should be directed to:

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Thank you for all you do for students and teachers.

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