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### **Perry High Teacher Named Southeastern Region Art Director**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Perry High School Visual Arts Instructor, Cathy Heller, has been named the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Southeastern Region Secondary Director. The region covers 10 states plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. She will assume her role as Secondary Director on April 1, 2021.

Heller began Perry High's art program in 2005. She is a long-time active supporter of arts education in Georgia's schools, to include serving as the Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA) president. In 2020, she was named the Georgia Secondary Art Educator of the Year.

Heller earned a Bachelor of Art Education at Armstrong Atlantic State University and Master of Art Education at Valdosta State University. At

Perry High she teaches the following courses: Introduction to Comprehensive Art; Drawing/Painting 1-3; Ceramics/Sculpture 1-3; Fibers; Printmaking; and AP Studio Art: Drawing, 2D Design and 3D Design Portfolios. In addition, she is the sponsor for the Perry High National Art Honor Society.

NAEA was founded in 1947 and is the leading professional membership organization for visual arts educators. Members include elementary, middle and high school visual arts educators; college and university professors; university students preparing to become art educators; researchers and scholars; teaching artists; administrators and supervisors; and art museum educators—as well as more than 54,000 students who are members of the National Art Honor Society. The Southeastern Region includes: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Secondary Division includes high school educators.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Principal Wesley “Del” Martin may be reached at 478-988-6298 or [Wesley.Martin@hcbe.net](mailto:Wesley.Martin@hcbe.net). Heller may be contacted at [Catherine.Heller@hcbe.net](mailto:Catherine.Heller@hcbe.net). For more information about NAEA, visit [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org).

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