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### **ILLINOIS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES**

#### **Lexington CUSD #7**

#### **AS A SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION**

The Illinois Art Education Association is pleased to recognize Lexington CUSD #7 as a 2020 School of Distinction. This is the inaugural year of this award.

This recognition celebrates schools with rigorous art, design, and media education programs. To earn the School of Distinction Award Lexington CUSD #7 evidenced practices directly reflecting the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the Illinois Fine Arts and Media Standards, and Social-Emotional Learning Priorities. [For how this award aligns with these markers, please follow this link.](#)

Participating in high-quality art, design, and media courses develops student creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills in valuable ways. Students in these programs gain social and emotional skills along with college, career, and citizenship readiness. Research indicates that schools with successful programs like that at Lexington CUSD #7 experience increased student attendance, engagement, and academic performance when compared with schools that don't.

The IAEA is proud to honor Emma Long-Ingram for the distinguished programming and the significant opportunities offered students. Lexington CUSD #7 is led by Mrs. Strating, principal, and Mr. Paul Deters, superintendent.