



KALAMAZOO RESA

**Career Connect**

## Board Memo

**To:** KRESA Board of Education

**From:** Sarah Mansberger, Executive Director of Career Connect Secondary Programs

**Date:** May 13, 2026

**Subject:** Travel for Professional Learning – Design Program

KRESA Board Members,

The instructor in our Design CTE Program has secured an opportunity to participate in professional learning at Montserrat College of Art's Japan Design Institute for Art Educators from June 24–July 5, 2026 in Tokyo and Niigata, Japan. The instructor will participate in hands-on workshops aligned to the Design program curriculum and collaborate with educators at Niigata College of Art and Design to gain insight into global approaches to design education. In addition to utilizing regularly budgeted professional development funds, the instructor has secured grants to cover related expenses. At this meeting, we seek approval for travel for this professional learning opportunity.

We appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

Sarah Mansberger

cc: Dr. Dedrick Martin, Superintendent

