**DRAFT FACULTY/STAFF/ADMINISTRATORS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

***Note to institutional representatives:***

*Please feel free to amend the wording and/or add to this message in your own voice while maintaining the original instruction and information. Thank you.*

Dear Colleagues:

The National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) is conducting a multi-year, comprehensive review of its accreditation standards. Your assistance is requested and would be appreciated. The NASD standards have a broad impact on dance in higher education. All of us have an interest in developing the best possible standards. To learn more about NASD, please visit [https://nasd.arts-accredit.org](https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/). To learn more about participating in the standards review process, please review the information found at the following address: <https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions-comments/>.

At this time, NASD is seeking comment regarding standards pertaining to free-standing dance institutions of higher education (see NASD *Handbook 2018-19*, Standards for Accreditation XX.) and proprietary schools (see NASD *Handbook 2018-19*, Standards for Accreditation XXI.) and would welcome any comments pertaining to the standards individually or as a whole. Your comments will be used to inform the current and other phases of the comprehensive review and will be held in confidence by name.

The deadline for comment is October 14, 2019. NASD asks that you give special attention to the five major comment areas outlined and explained in the web resource [Reviewing and Commenting on NASD Standards](https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions-comments/reviewing-commenting/). For your convenience, NASD has provided a set of [Frequently Asked Questions](https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions/faqs/) and a [**Response Form**](https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/07/D-Comprehesive-Standards-Review-07-22-2019-Response-Form.pdf). Please refer to all three documents and use the Response Formto submit your comment*.* Response Forms may be sent directly to [Jenny Kuhlmann](mailto:jkuhlmann@arts-accredit.org), NASD Data and Records Associate.

The NASD comprehensive review process has been ongoing for several years. Current information is available at <https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/accreditation/standards-guidelines/proposed-revisions-comments/comprehensive-standards-reviews/>. Please feel free to participate throughout the entire process. As well, please feel free to forward this information as this review process is open to all interested parties.

Should questions arise at any time regarding this process or the standards themselves, please feel free to [contact the NASD National Office staff](https://nasd.arts-accredit.org/contact/).

Thank you for your time and consideration.