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To: Current and Prospective Art Institute of California – Los Angeles Students
From: Laura Soloff, President
Date: August 31, 2007
Re: **Notice of Acceptance of Voluntary Agreement with CA Department of Consumer Affairs**

As many of you are aware, The Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act (“Act”) became inoperative July 1, 2007. At that time, the agency which enforced the Act, the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocation Education (the “Bureau”), was dissolved. To ensure continued protection of students and institutions with pending activity before the Bureau after the Act became inoperative, the California State Assembly passed emergency legislation in the form of Assembly Bill (AB) 1525.

Signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on July 12, 2007, AB 1525 preserves the rights and obligations of private postsecondary schools under the old Act retroactive to July 1, 2007. In conjunction with the passage of AB 1525, institutions that had valid approval to operate under the act as it existed on June 30, 2007, were allowed to sign an agreement with the Department of Consumer Affairs, the parent agency to the now defunct Bureau. Post-secondary schools that signed the voluntary agreement agreed to comply with all California statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to private postsecondary educational institutions.

This notice is to inform you that on July 30, 2007, The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles agreed to the voluntary agreement and submitted it to the Department of Consumer Affairs. We believe this is the appropriate action to enable The Art Institute of California – Los Angeles to provide the best services and education possible.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Laura Soloff, President, at 310-752-4700, or you can visit the Bureau’s website at www.bppve.ca.gov for further information and updates.