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TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Clark Greene, Authorized Agent

**Enclosure 9b**  
**February 10, 2014**

DATE: February 3, 2014

RE: **Discussion and recommendation for acceptance of lease agreement for office space at the URI Feinstein Providence Campus (Shepard Bldg.) for the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture**

The University of Rhode Island is requesting permission to enter into a lease agreement for office space in the Shepard Building in connection with the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture. The International Gallery for Heritage & Culture, a non-profit corporation, has a mission to create and support Rhode Islanders who celebrate the convergence of their artistic and cultural heritage.

This organization creates exhibits of local and international artists from various ethnic backgrounds representing Rhode Island and the region. They bring in art from different cultures around the world to Rhode Island communities with the hope of sharing and teaching about other cultures via visual and performing art. The International Gallery for Heritage & Culture also provides educational programs to preserve and advocate for multicultural arts by cultivating strategic partnerships.

Over the last 18 years, the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture has partnered with the URI Providence Campus on a variety of exhibits. The URI Providence Campus Urban Initiative will continue to collaborate with the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture as it performs outreach to the local urban community.

This lease provides the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture with approximately 120 square feet of office space in Room 224 in the Shepard Building. While no rent will be charged, the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture is required to provide standard insurance and indemnification provisions in order to protect the University and the Board of Education.

The lease has been approved by the University's General Counsel and is attached to this memo.

I recommend:

THAT the Board of Education approves the lease between the Board of Education/ University of Rhode Island and the International Gallery for Heritage & Culture, for office space located in the Shepard Building. As with other similar matters, this lease will then go to the State Property Committee for review and approval.