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**9 more school districts joining LA County's Arts for All to restore arts education
County Supervisors host Arts for All progress report luncheon at Music Center to honor
participants and new districts in the fifth year review of 10-year arts education strategy
Historic \$105 million state arts education funding increases participation
9 School Districts Join: 5 from San Gabriel Valley, 3 from North County, 1 from South Bay**

Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 30, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the County Arts Commission announce the nine new school districts joining the *Arts for All* program launched by the County Board in 2002 as a 10-year initiative to restore comprehensive K-12, sequential arts education for all students at the third annual *Arts for All* progress report luncheon at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. New districts joining this school year include five from the San Gabriel Valley (**Bassett USD, East Whittier City SD, Montebello USD, Pomona USD and South Pasadena USD**) three from the North County area (**Lancaster ESD, Palmdale ESD, Saugus USD**) and **Redondo Beach USD** in the South Bay. (*Contact information for all districts follows.*)

The 9 new districts join *Arts for All* under a new technical assistance model created in response to the historic arts education allocation from the state of California. L.A. County school districts and charter schools will receive \$27.6 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year and there is a strong indication that this funding will be ongoing. The new model offers districts three options with corresponding costs, based on the level of services and the size of the school district. Districts can use the increased state aid to be guided through a planning process to achieve the *Arts for All* five critical success factors: board adopted policy, an implementation plan with timeline, district level arts coordinator, 5% district budget allocation and a ratio of at least one credentialed arts teacher per 400 students.

The luncheon will also recognize the current 19 public school districts that are building arts education policies and plans for their students: **ABC USD** serving Artesia, Bellflower and Cerritos, **Alhambra USD, Beverly Hills USD, Burbank USD, Castaic SD, Compton USD, Culver City USD, Hacienda La Puente USD, Inglewood USD, Little Lake City SD** in Santa Fe Springs, **Mountain View ESD** in El Monte, **Norwalk-La Mirada USD, Palos Verdes Peninsula USD, Paramount USD, Pasadena USD, Rosemead USD, Santa Monica-Malibu USD, Wiseburn SD** in El Segundo and the **Los Angeles County Office of Education** that educates special populations.

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Arts for All 2007-08 Participating Districts (9)

San Gabriel Valley (5)

Bassett Unified School District

Robert Watanabe, Superintendent
Cheryl Bean, Assistant Superintendent

1st LA County District Supervisor Gloria Molina

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Enrollment **6,000 students** attending five elementary schools, one 6-8 magnet school, two high schools.

East Whittier City School District

Joe Gillentine, Ed.D., Superintendent
Linda Welch, Assistant Superintendent

1st LA County District Supervisor Gloria Molina

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Enrollment **8,979 students** attending three middle schools and 10 elementary schools.

Montebello Unified School District

Edward Velasquez, Superintendent
Bill Whitmore, Director Curriculum

1st LA County District Supervisor Gloria Molina

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Enrollment **33,641 students** attending four high schools, six middle schools and 18 elementary schools.

Pomona Unified School District

Thelma Melendez, Ph.D., Superintendent
Cynthia Walkenbach, Director Student Learning

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Enrollment **29,958 students** attending six high schools, seven middle schools and 28 elementary schools.

South Pasadena Unified School District

Brian Bristol, Superintendent
Ellen Dougherty, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent

5th LA County District Supervisor Michael Antonovich

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Enrollment **4,316 students** attending one high school, one middle school and three elementary schools.

South Bay (1)

Redondo Beach Unified School District

Steven Keller, Superintendent
Bill Crean, Assistant Superintendent

4th LA County District Supervisor Don Knabe

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Enrollment **7,947 students** attending one high school, two middle schools and 8 elementary schools.

North County (3)

Lancaster Elementary School District

Howard Sundberg, Ed.D., Superintendent
Michele Bowers, Director of Curriculum

5th LA County District Supervisor Michael Antonovich

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Enrollment **16,500 students** attending 19 elementary schools.

Palmdale Elementary School District

Roger Gallizzi, Interim Superintendent
Melinda Jaggi, Director of Curriculum

5th LA County District Supervisor Michael Antonovich

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Enrollment **22,500 students** attending five middle schools, 21 elementary schools and one pre-school.

Saugus Union School District

Judy Fish, Ed.D., Superintendent
Joan Lucid, Assistant Superintendent

5th LA County District Supervisor Michael Antonovich

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Enrollment **11,000 students** attending 15 elementary schools.

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The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2007-08 President of the Arts Commission is Rosalind Wyman.