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**Mountain View, Inglewood, Paramount and Wiseburn school districts
join Los Angeles County's *Arts for All* arts education initiative this fall**

Four new districts have joined Los Angeles County's *Arts for All* process this fall and will receive technical assistance to establish quality, sequential K-12 arts education: **Mountain View Elementary School District** in El Monte, **Inglewood Unified School District**, **Paramount Unified School District** and **Wiseburn School District** in El Segundo.

Mountain View Elementary School District located in El Monte in the County's 1st Supervisorial District educates 10,841 students attending 10 elementary, one 7-8 grade intermediate, one 6-8 grade middle school, a 4-8 grade alternative school and a preschool/children's center with eight locations. **Dr. Gary Rapkin** is district Superintendent and Director Curriculum & Instruction **Peter Knapik** will oversee the *Arts for All* process at Mountain View Elementary SD.

Inglewood Unified School District located in the County's 2nd Supervisorial District educates 16,630 students who attend six K-5 grade elementary, two middle and two high schools. **Dr. Pamela Short-Powell** is district Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Jacqueline Moore** will oversee the *Arts for All* process at Inglewood USD

Paramount Unified School District in the County's 4th Supervisorial District educates 16,862 students attending 16 K-8 grade schools and four high schools. **Dr. David Verdugo** is district Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent **Stella Toibin** will oversee the *Arts for All* process at Paramount USD.

Wiseburn School District located in El Segundo also in the 4th Supervisorial District educates 2,059 students attending three elementary and one middle school. **Dr. Don Brann** is district Superintendent and Peter Burnett Elementary School principal **Tiffany Rudek** will oversee the *Arts for All* process at Wiseburn SD.

Currently 19 County school districts—nearly one-quarter of all County school districts—are participating in *Arts for All*. In addition to the four that joined this fall, *Arts for All* districts include ABC, Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Castaic, Compton, Culver City, Hacienda La Puente, Little Lake, Norwalk-La Mirada, Palos Verdes, Pasadena, Rosemead and Santa Monica-Malibu and the Los Angeles County Office of Education classrooms.

25% of County students now attend *Arts for All* districts, not including the Los Angeles Unified School District that educates 700,000 students and adopted its own arts education plan prior to *Arts for All*. Launched by the Board in September 2002 *Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education*, is a 10-year strategy to restore dance, music, theatre and the visual arts to Los Angeles County's 80 public school districts in line with the California Department of Education's Visual and Performing Arts Standards.

The *Arts for All* initiative is administered by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and is designed to help districts build permanent arts education infrastructure based on 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.

Comprehensive arts education was cut from California classrooms in 1978 when passage of Proposition 13 reduced property taxes and schools lost local funding. *Arts for All* reflects a national movement to give all children comprehensive, sequential, standards-based K-12 arts education.

Arts for All is supported by the Pooled Fund established in February 2004 with a \$500,000 gift from the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF). The Fund has raised more than \$1 million matched by \$1,214,000 from district general funds and supports technical assistance training and hiring district level arts coordinators.

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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 2006-07 President of the Arts Commission is Marjorie Lyte.