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**Los Angeles County Supervisors Honor School Districts for
Implementing Arts Education Plans at Oct. 19 Board Meeting**
**Beverly Hills, Burbank, Castaic, Compton, Culver City, Hacienda La Puente, Pasadena, Rosemead and
Santa Monica-Malibu school districts to be honored**

On Tuesday, October 17 at its regular 9:30 a.m. meeting the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will honor nine County school districts (Beverly Hills, Burbank, Castaic, Compton, Culver City, Hacienda La Puente, Pasadena, Rosemead and Santa Monica-Malibu) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), for rejuvenating arts education for students. These districts have participated in the County-sponsored *Arts for All* initiative and have adopted arts education policies and plans to ensure that their students receive comprehensive sequential arts education. (*Schedule and district information follows*)

Currently LACOE and 19 County school districts, nearly one-quarter of all County school districts, are participating in *Arts for All*. Those being honored are in the implementation phase of *Arts for All*. The others are working toward the *Arts for All* goals.

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.

Administered by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, *Arts for All* helps 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.

Additionally, four new districts join the *Arts for All* process this fall and begin receiving technical assistance to establish quality, sequential arts education: Inglewood, Mountain View in El Monte, Paramount, and Wiseburn in El Segundo.

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*.

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.

Board presentation schedule

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 17, 2006
Scrolls presented at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Board Chambers, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street (at Temple Street) – downtown Los Angeles

WHAT: Los Angeles County Supervisors Honors School Districts for Implementing Arts Education

WHO: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
School districts and LACOE representatives

Arts for All Districts to be honored by Los Angeles County Supervisors:

1st District - Supervisor Gloria Molina

Implemented arts education plans:

Rosemead SD

André Sauvageau, Arts Coordinator
asauvageau@rosemead.k12.ca.us 626 287-1139
Enrollment **3,439** students; adopted an arts education plan in **July 2005**; has an arts coordinator

... and beginning Arts for All this fall

Mountain View SD in El Monte

Peter Knapik, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Staff Development
pknapik@mtview.k12.ca.us 626 652-4974
Enrollment **10,841** students

2nd District - Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

Implemented arts education plans

Compton USD

Lanette White, Arts Coordinator
lwhite@compton.k12.ca.us 310 639-4321 x 67613
Enrollment **31,449** students; adopted an arts education plan on **June 28, 2005**; has an arts coordinator

Culver City USD

Inez Bush, Arts Consultant
inezbush@ccusd.org 310 842-4220 x4215
Enrollment **6,500** students; adopted an arts education plan on **June 1, 2004**; has an arts coordinator

... and beginning Arts for All this fall

Inglewood USD

Jacqueline Moore, Dr. of Curriculum & Instruction
jmoore@inglewood.k12.ca.us 310-419-2752
Enrollment **16,630** students

3rd District - Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky

Implemented arts education plans

Beverly Hills USD

Tina Vartanian, Arts Coordinator
tvartanian@bhUSD.k12.ca.us 310 551-5100 x2321
Enrollment **5,150** students; adopted an arts education plan on **June 14, 2005**; has an arts coordinator

Santa Monica Malibu USD

Tom Whaley, Arts Coordinator
twhaley@smmusd.org 310 450-8338 x287
Enrollment **12,789** students; adopted an arts education plan on **February 3, 2005**; has an arts coordinator

4th District - Supervisor Don Knabe

Implemented arts education plans

Hacienda La Puente USD (portions in 4th district)

Barbara Ricchio, Arts Consultant
bricchio@hlpusd.k12.ca.us 626 933-4301
Enrollment **25,000** students; adopted an arts education plan on **May 25, 2006**; hiring an arts coordinator

... and beginning Arts for All this fall

Paramount USD

Stella Toibin, Assistant Superintendent
stoibin@paramount.k12.ca.us 562 602-6011
Enrollment **16,862 students**

Wiseburn SD in El Segundo

Teri Greene, Special Projects Consultant
tgreene@wiseburn.k12.ca.us 310 643-3004 x2
Enrollment **2,100 students**

5th District - Supervisor Michael Antonovich

Implemented arts education plans

Burbank USD

Joel Shapiro, Deputy Superintendent
jshapiro@admin.burbank.k12.ca.us 818 729-4451
Enrollment **15,240 students**; adopted an arts education plan on **December 15, 2005**; has an arts coordinator

Castaic Union SD

Lisa Bloom, Arts Coordinator
bloom@castaic.k12.ca.us 661 257-4500 x538
Enrollment **3586 students**; adopted an arts education plan on **March 9, 2006**; has an arts coordinator.

Pasadena USD

Marshall Ayers, Arts Coordinator
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Enrollment **22,669 students**; adopted an arts education plan on **June 8, 2004**; has an arts coordinator.

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2006/2007 Pooled Fund members Boeing, The Getty Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, The Jewish Community Foundation, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Sony Pictures Entertainment, The Target Corporation, The Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation, Warner Bros. Entertainment; **Previous members:** Creative Artist Agency, Entertainment Industry Foundation, JPMorgan Chase Foundation; **Specific Initiatives** The Dana Foundation, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, The Herb Alpert Foundation.

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.