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Arts for All Executive Committee issues report on status of infrastructure for arts education in Los Angeles County public schools

Arts for All Pooled Fund helps districts meet key criteria for quality arts education
New districts join Arts for All for 2005-06 school year

Today, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, on behalf of the Arts for All Executive Committee, released the Arts Education Performance Indicators (AEPI) report on the status of arts education infrastructure in Los Angeles County public school districts. The report, based on self-reported data from superintendents of 60 of the County's 81 districts, evaluates the districts according to five critical factors for a sequential, comprehensive K-12 arts education program: board adopted policy, implementation plan with timeline, district level arts coordinator, 5% district budget allocation, and at least a 400:1 ratio of students to credentialed arts teachers.

The AEPI reveals:

- 36% of districts report having an **arts education policy**
- 35% report a board-adopted **arts education plan** or indicated that they are developing one
- 12% report having an **arts coordinator**
- 15% report dedicating **5% of their general budget** to arts education
- 10% report having a **ratio of 400:1** of students to credentialed arts teachers

Two school districts – **Santa Monica-Malibu USD** and **Whittier Union High School District** – met four of the five critical success factors for arts education.

LAUSD, with a student-teacher ratio of 496:1, was just shy of achieving four of the five success factors. LAUSD is successfully implementing a 10-year plan for district-wide arts education adopted prior to the launch of the County's Arts for All initiative. With more than 700,000 of the 1.7 million students in public school in Los Angeles County, the school board's annual increase to the arts education budget, and the leadership provided by the district's Arts Coordinator, LAUSD is a model for school districts throughout the County.

Arts for All, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2002, is a 10-year initiative to restore comprehensive K-12, sequential arts education to all County public school districts. Starting in 2003-04, the Arts for All Executive Committee has invited selected districts to receive multi-year technical assistance through the Arts for All Pooled Fund to help meet the critical success factors. Of the 11 districts receiving assistance in the first two years, eight – **Beverly Hills, Compton, Culver City, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Norwalk-La Mirada, Pasadena, Rosemead and Santa Monica-Malibu** – have adopted policies and plans within the last 16 months. Plans will go before the boards of the other three – **Burbank, Castaic and Hacienda La Puente** – this fall. Five more districts – **ABC, Alhambra, Inglewood, Little Lake City and Palos Verdes** - will begin receiving technical assistance this fall.

Although district infrastructure has been studied in previous surveys, the Arts for All Executive Committee did not make comparisons with data from the past. “The 2005 survey was the first to include precise definitions for each critical success factor,” said Laura Zucker, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and member of the Arts for All Executive Committee. “Consequently the 2005 respondents better understood the necessary elements for a quality arts education program than those who answered past surveys and could respond more accurately. This is an important change. Arts for All is raising the bar for arts education. Creating greater awareness of the critical success factors is vital to this effort.”

The AEPI Report was distributed to approximately 200 district leaders and other stakeholders at a luncheon meeting at the Music Center of Los Angeles County this afternoon. The report is based on a July 2005 web-based survey conducted by Americans for the Arts, a national organization that supports arts and culture through private and public resource development, and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Arts for All Pooled Fund was launched in February 2004 with a \$500,000 gift from the Entertainment Industry Foundation. Additional contributors include Sony Pictures Entertainment, Creative Artists Agency, Warner Bros. Entertainment, JPMorgan Chase Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, Getty Foundation, Jewish Community Foundation and Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation. The Dana Foundation, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Target Corporation and Herb Alpert Foundation are also members of the Pooled Fund for support of specific Arts for All initiatives.

Specific district information is reported below by County region. The complete report is available on the Arts Commission website at www.lacountyarts.org – Profiles of the Arts for All districts are at the end of this release.

Arts Education Performance Indicators (AEPI) Report – district data by region

School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Los Angeles County Office of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-2%	2,022
Los Angeles USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-5%	496

Mid Cities					
School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
ABC USD	No	No	No	1-2%	977
Bellflower USD	No	No	No	Under 1%	None
Centinel Valley Union HSD	DECLINED				
Downey USD	Yes	No	No	Don't Know	938
Lawndale SD	No	In Progress	No	2-5%	750
Lennox SD	DECLINED				
Little Lake City SD	Yes	No	No	Over 5%	1,275
Norwalk-La Mirada USD	Yes	Yes	No	Under 1%	2,556
Paramount USD	DECLINED				

North - Antelope Valley					
School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Acton-Agua Dulce USD	DECLINED				
Antelope Valley Union HSD	DECLINED				
Eastside Union SD	No	In Progress	No	Under 1%	None
Gorman Joint SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	None
Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	435
Keppel Union SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	3,150
Lancaster SD	No	Yes	No	1-2%	3,200
Palmdale SD	No	No	No	Don't Know	2,444
Westside Union SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	1,605
Wilsona SD	No	No	No	1-2%	2,021

North - Santa Clarita Valley					
School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Castaic Union SD	Yes	In Progress	No	Under 1%	1,793
Newhall SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	None
Saugus Union SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	None
Sulphur Springs Union SD	DECLINED				
William S. Hart Union HSD	No	No	No	2-5%	444

San Fernando Valley					
School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Burbank USD	Yes	In Progress	No	1-2%	565
Glendale USD	Yes	Yes	No	2-5%	520
Las Virgenes USD	DECLINED				

San Gabriel Valley					
School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Alhambra USD	No	No	No	Over 5%	760
Arcadia USD	DECLINED				
Azusa USD	DECLINED				
Baldwin Park USD	No	No	No	1-2%	654
Bassett USD	DECLINED				
Bonita USD	DECLINED				
Charter Oak USD	No	No	No	1-2%	594
Claremont USD	No	No	No	Over 5%	733
Covina-Valley USD	DECLINED				

Duarte USD	No	No	No	2-5%	773
East Whittier City SD	Yes	No	No	Don't Know	900
El Monte City SD	DECLINED				
El Monte Union HSD	No	No	No	2-5%	373
El Rancho USD	No	No	No	Under 1%	1,019
Garvey SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	2,152
Glendora USD	No	No	No	Under 1%	458
Hacienda La Puente USD	Yes	In Progress	No	1-2%	1,500
La Canada USD	DECLINED				
Los Nietos SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	None
Lowell Joint SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	1,117
Monrovia USD	No	No	No	1-2%	555
Montebello USD	Yes	Yes	No	Over 5%	971
Mountain View SD	No	No	No	2-5%	48
Pasadena USD	Yes	Yes	No	Don't Know	None
Pomona USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 1%	None
Rosemead SD	Yes	In Progress	No	Under 1%	1,083
Rowland USD	No	No	No	1-2%	1,437
San Gabriel USD	DECLINED				
San Marino USD	DECLINED				
South Pasadena USD	DECLINED				
South Whittier SD	Yes	No	No	Over 5%	724
Temple City USD	No	No	No	Don't Know	467
Valle Lindo SD	DECLINED				
Walnut Valley USD	DECLINED				
West Covina USD	No	No	No	Don't Know	667
Whittier City SD	Yes	Yes	No	Under 1%	817
Whittier Union HSD	Yes	Yes	No	Over 5%	323

South Bay

School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
El Segundo USD	No	No	No	Don't Know	339
Hawthorne SD	Yes	Yes	No	Under 1%	1,949
Hermosa Beach City SD	DECLINED				
Long Beach USD	No	No	Yes	Over 5%	539
Manhattan Beach USD	No	No	No	1-2%	627
Palos Verdes Peninsula USD	No	No	Yes	1-2%	421
Redondo Beach USD	DECLINED				
Torrance USD	No	No	No	1-2%	632
Wiseburn SD	No	No	No	Under 1%	700

South Los Angeles

School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Compton USD	Yes	Yes	No	Over 5%	10,408
Inglewood USD	No	No	No	Over 5%	1,385
Lynwood USD	No	No	No	Under 1%	1,682

Westside

School District	Policy	Plan	Arts Coord	Budget	Ratio
Beverly Hills USD	Yes	Yes	No	1-2%	260
Culver City USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under 1%	756
Santa Monica Malibu USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-5%	326

ARTS FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRESS

2003-04 Participating Districts

Culver City Unified School District

Laura McGaughey, Ed.D., Superintendent lauramcgaughey@ccusd.org 310 842-4220 x4204
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Culver City Unified School District educates **6,500 students** at five K-5 grade elementary schools, one 6-8 grade middle school, one 9-12 grade high school, one continuation high school, an independent study school and a community day school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **June 1, 2004**.

Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)

Darline P. Robles, Ed.D., Superintendent Robles_darline@lacoedu 562 922-6127

LACOE educates **30,000 students** including 20,000 incarcerated youth, 6,000 students with severe disabilities from 55 of Los Angeles County's 80 school districts, and 3,500 at risk students enrolled in alternative education. LACOE's board adopted an arts education plan in **May 2005**.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

Ginger Shattuck, Superintendent gshattuck@nlmusd.k12.ca.us 562 868-0431 x2200

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District educates **24,093 students** at 18 K-5 grade elementary schools, seven 6-8 grade middle schools, three 9-12 grade high schools, one continuation high school, two adult schools, and one pre-school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **September 13, 2004**.

Pasadena Unified School District

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Pasadena Unified School District educates **22,669 students**, 12,337 at 24 K-5 grade elementary schools, 3,155 at three 6-8 grade middle school, 6,901 at four 9-12 grade high schools, 276 at one continuation school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **June 8, 2004**.

Rosemead School District

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Andre Sauvageau, Vice Principal, Muscatel Middle asauvageau@rosemead.k12.ca.us 626 287-1139

Rosemead School District is a K-8 grade public school district educating **3,439 students**, 2,660 at four K-6 grade elementary schools and 779 at the 7-8 grade Muscatel Middle School. District students attend Rosemead High School, part of the El Monte Union High School District. The district board adopted an arts education plan in **July 2005**.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

John Deasy, Superintendent deasy@smmusd.org 310 450-8338 x241
Tom Whaley, Arts Coordinator twhaley@smmusd.org 310 450-8338 x287

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District educates **12,789 students** attending 11 K-5 grade elementary schools, three 6-8 grade middle schools, two comprehensive 9-12 grade high schools and one continuation high school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **February 3, 2005**.

2004-05 Participating Districts

Beverly Hills Unified School District

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Beverly Hills Unified School District educates **5,150 students** attending four K-8 grade schools, one high school, one continuation school and one adult school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **June 14, 2005**.

Burbank Unified School District

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Burbank Unified School District educates **15,240 students** attending 11 elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation high school, one community day school and one adult school. **The board considers the arts education plan fall 2005.**

Castaic Unified School District

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Lisa Bloom, Coordinator, Extended Learning bloom@castaic.k12.ca.us 661-257-4500 x538

Castaic Unified School District educates **3586 students** attending three elementary schools and one middle school. **The board considers the arts education plan fall 2005.**

Compton Unified School District

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Compton Unified School District educates **31,449 students** attending 23 elementary schools, nine middle schools, three high schools, three alternative schools and one adult school. The district board adopted an arts education plan on **June 28, 2005**.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

Edward Lee Vargas, Superintendent elvargas@hlpusd.k12.ca.us 626 933-3801
Barbara Nakaoka, Chief Academic Officer bnakaoka@hlpusd.k12.ca.us 626 933-3810

Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District educates **87,000 students** attending 20 K-5 elementary schools, four K-8 grade schools, six middle schools, four high schools, one alternative high school and one community day school. **The district board considers the arts education plan fall 2005.**

2005-06 Participating Districts

ABC Unified School District

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ABC Unified School District educates 21,000 students attending 19 K-6 elementary schools, four 7-8 middle schools, one 7-12 middle/high school, three 9-12 comprehensive high schools, one 9-12 alternative high school.

Alhambra Unified School District

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Alhambra Unified School District educates 19,800 students attending 13 K-8 elementary schools and six high schools.

Inglewood Unified School District

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Inglewood Unified School District educates 17,750 students attending 13 elementary schools, two middle schools, three high schools, a continuation high school and an adult school.

Little Lake City School District

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Little Lake City School District educates 4,900 students in grades K-8 at seven elementary schools and two middle schools.

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

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Ann Ehrenclou, Music Coordinator ehrenclou@mail.pvpusd.k12.ca.us 310 378-0732

Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District educates 11,857 students attending 12 elementary schools, three intermediate schools, and three high 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; 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 2005-06 President of the Arts Commission is Hope Warschaw.