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LOCAL

Assembly Bill 2862

AB 2862 authorizes education leaders, in conjunction with experts in arts instruction and the general public, to recommend updated VAPA standards to the State Board of Education.

"As a classroom teacher, I have seen firsthand how arts education can impact the lives of students," said Assemblymember O'Donnell, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. "Fostering creativity keeps kids engaged and has even been shown to raise tests scores, reduce absenteeism and lower dropout rates."

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ACTIVATE Arts Advocacy Leadership Program

ACTIVATE Arts Advocacy Leadership Program is an advocacy training and leadership development program of Arts for LA. The program recognizes the importance of local leaders and seeks to empower these individuals with the skills, knowledge, and an expanded network to effect change in communities across Greater Los Angeles.

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California State Budget Includes Increased Investment in the Arts

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed a state budget that includes a \$10.8 million funding increase for programs of the California Arts Council. This investment will extend the capacity of the California Arts Council to meet the needs and demand for arts programs benefiting diverse communities across the state. The budget includes a \$6.8 million one-time increase for the Arts Council and an additional \$4 million ongoing allocation for the state's Arts in Corrections program.

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Charitable Giving in L.A. County Down \$1 Billion Since 2006

A study commissioned by the California Community Foundation (CCF), and conducted by the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, finds that local giving is on a decline, with Los Angeles County residents declaring \$7.16 billion in 2006 charitable deductions compared to \$6.03 billion in 2013. *The Generosity Gap: Donating Less in Post-Recession Los Angeles County* shows that in many L.A. communities, donations are ebbing as needs surge, particularly for families in poverty, youth, the elderly and the homeless.

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NATIONAL

Building a Culturally Conscious Future for the Arts

This May, Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education, released a new statement on cultural equity. The effort was driven by the board of Americans for the Arts, compelled to re-commit the action, time, and resources toward cultural equity after field-wide engagement with changing demographics and changing habits of participation and consumption of the arts.

"To support a full creative life for all, Americans for the Arts commits to championing policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, equitable nation."

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Six Exceptional Leaders in the Arts

Americans for the Arts has announced the recipients of the 2016 Americans for the Arts Annual Leadership Awards. These awards recognize the achievements of individuals and organizations committed to enriching their communities through the arts.

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Andrew Lloyd Webber Donates \$1.3 Mil For Music and Theater Education

At the 70th annual Tony Awards, it was announced that Andrew Lloyd Webber was awarding \$1.3 million to music and theater education in America. The money will go towards helping talented students overcome economic barriers to pursue a career in the theater and provide state school drama teachers with the resources they need to nurture young talent in their schools, with a special emphasis on music.

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Upcoming Events

Creativity at the Core Summer Institute
Hosted by California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

- July 28 - 30 | Santa Clara, CA

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Connecting Art and the Common Core:
A Teacher Institute

- Hosted by Hammer EDU
- July 18 - 20 | Los Angeles, CA

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2017 NAEA National Convention
Hosted by the National Art Education Association

- March 2 - 4, 2017 | New York, NY

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Arts Education: There's Something Happening Here

We are now seeing public and private efforts, some coordinated and some not, to successfully rebuild arts education programs in pre-K-12 education. After so much debate and rhetoric, some people are again acknowledging that exposure to a broad and diverse set of subjects are critical to a thriving civic and business environment — and art must be one of those subjects.

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via THE CLYDE FITCH REPORT

Boosting Social Skills in Autistic Kids With Drama

Schools are exploring new ways to teach kids with high-functioning autism the rules of social interactions, especially since so many of those kids are now integrated in traditional school settings. Some schools, nonprofit organizations, private speech therapists, and parents provide direct instruction on social interaction using Michelle Garcia Winner's Social Thinking curriculum or create a "lunch-bunch" social group in the cafeteria. Another strategy is teaching those skills through the arts.

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How Does "Creativity" Translate Across Different Cultures?

What is creativity? What does it mean to be creative? And, assuming you can come up with your own definition, how do you think it differs from others around the world? Those are just a few of the questions addressed in a new report from agency Crispin Porter + Bogusky London and Vlad Glaveanu, an associate professor at Aalborg University's International Center for the Cultural Psychology of Creativity in Denmark.

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Julie Andrews to Star in New Netflix Series About Performing Arts

Netflix, the world's leading Internet TV network, announced today that award-winning actress Julie Andrews will star in *Julie's Greenroom*, a new preschool show from The Jim Henson Company that features an all-new puppet cast of kids learning about the performing arts. The series will be available exclusively to Netflix members globally in early 2017.

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