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San Diego Unified Has New Plan to Expand Music Education

San Diego Unified School District officials Monday unveiled a plan to expand access to dance, music, theater and visual arts instruction for students. The proposal also includes the acquisition of musical instruments, collaborations with city arts institutions and allowing more students to attend arts magnet schools. The Strategic Arts Education Plan is a far cry from the recession years, when arts programs were annually on the fiscal chopping block.

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Getting beyond the buzzwords: Schools improvise as they add art to their STEM schools

While the STEM philosophy has passed into the mainstream over the past decade, STEAM is still a new enough idea that educators are finding themselves experimenting and making up exactly what it means for their schools and classes as they go along.

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SMMUSD approves \$1.25M in expenses

Several orders for arts education were approved, including more than \$345,000 to P.S. ARTS and \$18,500 to a drama instructor. The purchase order for P.S. ARTS follows the board's August approval of a contract topping \$607,000 with the Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization. Money for the contract, which was raised by the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, will support arts instruction for elementary school students, kindergarteners and preschoolers.

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Statewide arts ed database highlights gaps in hopes of spurring change

Last school year, 101,374 students attending California schools had no access to arts instruction at school, according to data released Thursday by a statewide arts education collaborative. That's just 3 percent of students who had not a single arts course offered at their school. But if you examine the data through the lens of the little-known part of the education code that references arts instruction, the picture is much more bleak. While 97 percent of secondary students have access to some level of arts education (at least one course at school), only 26 percent have access to all four arts disciplines – music, theater, visual and dance – as required by state law.

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NATIONAL

2016 Arts Education Partnership National Forum: The Arts Leading the Way to Student Success

Nearly 200 arts and education experts convened in downtown Denver on Oct. 5-7 for the 2016 Arts Education Partnership National Forum: The Arts Leading the Way to Student Success. The AEP has provided resources from this convening on their website.

[VISIT THE RESOURCES via AEP ARTS](#)

The Unlikeliest Innovations in Community Planning

"I am convinced that the intentional integration of arts and culture with community planning and development can help build communities in which everyone has a voice and agency in creating contextual, adaptive, and responsive solutions. This approach is called creative placemaking, and communities of all sizes are using this strategy by bringing arts and culture leaders together with other community leaders and using arts and culture solutions in community development work."

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ESSA offers opportunity to enhance art education

State education officials from across the country are engaged in pulling together new school accountability systems as required under the new Every Student Succeeds Act. Although focus remains on student achievement under ESSA, a new report out suggests art education should be overlooked. Policy experts at the Education Commission of the States issued a call to states to consider how art education can fit in under the new ESSA requirements.

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2016 Gala for the Best Businesses Partnering with the Arts

On October 5, business and arts leaders gathered at the Central Park Boathouse in New York City to honor the best businesses partnering with the arts in America at Americans for the Arts' 12th annual BCA 10 awards. Learn more about the companies recognized this year and see them featured in the October 4 issue of Forbes magazine.

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Upcoming Events

Art Inspired: Place, People, & Professionalism Southern Region Conference
Hosted by California Art Education Association
• November 4-5 | Palm Desert, CA

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National Arts Marketing Conference
Hosted by National Arts Marketing Project
• November 11-14 | Austin, TX

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Questions of Quality Part II: A Local Perspective
Hosted by UCLA'S Visual & Performing Arts Education
• November 15 | Los Angeles, CA

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Creative Schools for All:
Collaboration Creates Change
Hosted by Create CA
• March 14-15 | Costa Mesa, CA

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Why Arts Education Matters, Every Week of the Year

There is no disputing the fact that learning artistic disciplines has a giant, measurable, positive impact on the lives of young people. We have data that proves this. Piles and piles of it! So why are so many kids slipping through the cracks, deprived of equitable access to an arts education? Two words: money and myopia.

[READ THE ARTICLE via THE HUFFINGTON POST](#)

Arts in the Service of Learning

Shouldn't educators be allowed to harness the innate childhood exuberance for the arts, drama, music and movement and use it to help learning across the board, in all fields of study? Recess and physical education are taken for granted, but exercising the soul through the arts is excised through budget cuts, arts specialists say.

[READ THE ARTICLE via THE GLOBE AND MAIL](#)

Playing for Their Lives: The Global El Sistema Movement for Social Change Through Music

How a Venezuelan model of music education is bringing a sense of inclusion to children in immigrant communities in Denmark—and around the world.

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