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Pomona Unified School District Adopts Arts Education Plan

Pomona, CA – August 17, 2011 Last night the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) School Board approved a district-wide arts education plan. PUSD joined the L. A. County arts education collaborative, *Arts for All*, in 2007 and approved the District's visual and performing arts policy in 2008. During the 2010-11 school year the District worked with an *Arts for All* coach to re-visit the plan previously developed in 2008. The plan outlines specific phases of implementation of a standards-based, sequential arts curriculum.

Recently ***Arts for All*** received the Americans for the Arts 2011 Arts Education Award. Alongside Los Angeles Unified School District's own arts education initiative, 44 out of the 81 districts in L.A. County are now identified as ***Arts for All*** partners and committed to standards-based K-12 arts instruction. Funding for ***Arts for All*** comes from private foundations, corporations, federal grants and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The collaborative has been widely recognized by scholars for its creative approach and accomplishment. Referring to the ***Arts for All*** track record, Laura Zucker, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission says, "It is our hope that our work in L.A. County will provide a model for school districts across the country that are committed to including sequential, standards-based K-12 arts education in the core curriculum."

About *Arts for All*

Established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, *Arts for All* is the dynamic, County-wide collaboration working to create vibrant classrooms, schools, communities and economies through the restoration of all arts disciplines into the core curriculum for each of our 1.6 million public K-12 students. Visit www.lacountyartsforall.org to learn more.

About Los Angeles County Arts Commission

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. In addition providing leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*, the Arts Commission administers a grants program that funds more than 300 nonprofit arts organizations annually, oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Arts Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 40 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2011-12 President of the Arts Commission is Ollie, Blanning. For more information please consult the Arts Commission online press kit:

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