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CALIFORNIA STATE PTA LAUNCHES MOVEMENT FOR ARTS EDUCATION

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Every student has the right to a dynamic, creative education that includes the arts – California Education Code requires it. Yet, 88 percent of California schools are failing to meet this standard.

This. Must. Change.

That's why California State PTA joined forces with Create CA to launch one of the most impactful public will campaigns for the arts in recent history to demand arts education for all students. [See the campaign.](#)

Simply put – creativity is not optional! The goal of the campaign is to spark a movement with the public, parents, educators, artists and policy makers to demand a comprehensive, sequential arts curriculum for all children in grades K-12.

"At California State PTA, we know the arts are essential to a quality education, and we are extremely proud to be part of this important arts equity movement," said California State PTA President Dianna MacDonald.

The campaign brings awareness to demand a quality education for every student in California, and is currently building a base of engaging, passionate people – on the local level – across the state. Join California's movement for arts education. Sign up at www.createca.org.





If you had the power to make your child's school better, what changes would you make?

Check out the video above from California State PTA's School Smarts Parent Engagement Program, where participants in the program learn to create a dream map of their school.

Share this video and your ideas with your school community and see what changes you can create together!

Want to learn more about School Smarts and how to bring it to your school? Visit www.capta.org/schoolsmarts.

SHARE YOUR ARTS STORY WITH US

Storytelling is a very powerful tool to advocate for the arts. By sharing your story about how the arts have impacted your life or your child's life, you can help others see the importance of a robust arts education program.

California State PTA is collecting your arts stories to use across the state to advocate for arts education. If you share your story by **March 1, 2019**, you could win an arts kit for your school!

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UPDATED STATE ART STANDARDS FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Recently, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the Instructional Quality Commission recommended that the California State Board of Education adopt the revised draft arts standards – which now include media arts and integrative learning.

You can find the revised draft arts standards on the CDE's website at www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vapacontentstds.asp.

The document that outlines arts education standards is currently known as [Parents' Guide to the Visual and Performing Arts in California Public Schools](#) and may be renamed as it is developed and updated in the coming months.

Stay tuned for updates on the arts education standards, new resources to share with your community and more on the California State PTA website at www.capta.org/understanding-the-visual-and-performing-arts-standards.



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