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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.



NEW RESOURCE: EDUCATION GPS

In partnership with the Alliance for Continuous Improvement, California State PTA is pleased to share the [California Education GPS](#) – a vital new resource for elected state leaders and policymakers that allows them to quickly understand important changes made to California's public education system in recent years. The Education GPS also serves as the Alliance's ultimate vision for the system and essential next policy steps for getting there.

The recommendations in the GPS reflect the input and consensus of the Alliance for Continuous Improvement – a broad-based group of leaders and experts representing parents, students, teachers, administrators, school boards, higher education, early learning, community and social justice causes, business, research, and local and state agencies –



including California State PTA.

The GPS is being released at a critical time to influence the direction the state takes next on public education – as many elected leaders and candidates were elected in November and now begin formulating plans for future state budgets and legislative agendas.

While California’s recent public education system upgrades are a good start, what happens in the next few years is critical to ensuring opportunity and success for all students. The Education GPS provides a clear, research-based route forward for advancing and strengthening the system so that it meets and exceeds the needs of all students and ensures California’s future economic and civic success.

Visit www.caledgps.org to learn more.

TAKE ACTION

Legislative and Health Conference Calls



Join leaders from across the state to hear the latest in both legislation and health each month.

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Making a Difference for Kids and Families



Join PTA today and show your support for children and families across the state of California!

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Share Your Arts Success Story



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