



Barbara Anglin, Palm Springs Unified School District's visual and performing arts coordinator, presented the declaration overview to the Board of Education which also included information on Palm Springs Unified's arts programs and partnerships, plans for the development of a Strategic Plan for the Arts and the District's partnership with the California Alliance for Arts Education and Arts Now. Six district students, ranging from third through twelfth graders, each shared one of the declaration statements before the board members gave their unanimous approval.



**Palm Springs Unified School District is the first "Arts Equity District" in the Coachella Valley. (Photo: Contributed image)**

The number of Palm Springs Unified's arts partners has grown from six in 2007 to 22 in the 2017-18 school year and include: AmDocs; Palm Springs Art Museum; McCallum Theatre; Palm Springs Opera Guild; Palm Springs International Film Festival; Palm Springs Community Concerts; Steinway Society; Red Hot Ballroom Dance; Coachella Valley Repertory Theater; Desert Art Center; Children's Discovery Museum; Living Desert; Cabot's Pueblo Museum; Redlands Symphony; SCRAP Gallery; College of the Desert; and the University of California, Riverside-Palm Desert.

"The declaration will kick off the work that is happening to develop a 'Strategic Plan for Arts Now' that will help define the next steps for this work for years to come," said Walbridge.

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