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### **Over 60 Organizations Back “Arts for Every Student” Bill**

*SB 933 (Allen) jumpstarts California’s push for equal access to arts education*

SACRAMENTO, CA – SB 933 (Allen), the California Alliance for Arts Education’s bill to expand arts education opportunities for California students has received a significant boost as institutions such as Santa Clara County Office of Education, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, Humboldt County Office of Education, San Diego County Office of Education and California Association of Museums strongly endorse the legislation. A total of 63 organizations have submitted letters in support of the bill.

California law requires arts education for every K-12 student, but the reality is that only 38% of pupils in the state truly have access to arts instruction. Students in low-income schools are more likely to go without access to arts. SB 933 begins to close the significant gap in arts education access that is driving inequality in our schools.

Data shows access to arts education results in better student attendance, lower disciplinary rates, improved staff retention, increased parent participation and attendance, improved graduation rates, as well as happier, more well-rounded children and adults.

“Every parent knows the impact arts education can have on their child,” said California Alliance for Arts Education Executive Director Joe Landon, “students who participate in arts education are more likely to succeed both in school and in the work force. SB 933 is an investment in California’s economy, preparing students to find their place in California’s creative industries.”

Through a carefully designed competitive grant process, this one-time investment allows districts to leverage their own commitment to arts education. SB 933 will provide high-need districts as well as districts with a demonstrated commitment to the arts with an incentive to prioritize and advance access to arts education. SB 933 will be heard Senate Education Committee on April 4, 2018.

### **SB 933 (Allen) Support List**

1. Actors Fund
2. Alfred Music
3. Angels Gate Cultural Center
4. Arcata Arts Institute
5. Art = Opportunity
6. Art Theatre Entertainment School
7. Arts Bridging the Gap
8. Arts Council, Santa Cruz County
9. Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area
10. Arts for LA
11. Arts Orange County
12. Artspiration
13. Cal Shakes
14. CalArts
15. California Alliance for Arts Education
16. California Arts Advocates
17. California Association of Museums
18. California Desert Arts Council
19. Ciari Guitars
20. City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
21. CLARA
22. Coaching+Color
23. Constellation Musical Instruments
24. Davis Senior High School (Davis Joint Unified School District)
25. Drama Education Network
26. DynaMount
27. Enchanted Studio Props
28. Freestyle Academy
29. Humboldt County Office of Education
30. Inner City Arts
31. Inside Track
32. La Quinta Arts Foundation
33. Los Angeles County Arts Commission
34. Los Angeles Philharmonic Association
35. Love and a 38
36. Monterey Jazz Festival
37. Montgomery High School

38. Morgan Hill Unified School District
39. Music for Minors
40. NAMM
41. P.S. Arts
42. Pasadena Unified School District
43. Performing Arts Workshop
44. Recording Academy
45. Rockin' Kids
46. San Diego County Office of Education
47. San Diego Music Studio
48. Sanchez Art Center
49. Santa Barbara Education Foundation
50. Santa Clara County Office of Education
51. Santa Rosa City Schools
52. Side Street Projects
53. South Pasadena Arts Council
54. Standard Property Company
55. Stockton Unified School District
56. Techno Empire
57. Turnaround Arts: California
58. Visalia Fox Theatre
59. Windsor Unified School District
60. Woodshop Rocks
61. Yamaha Corporation of America
62. Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
63. Young Storytellers