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## Five Windsor High School teams selected as finalists in Student Voices Campaign

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Statewide video contest explores the question ‘How could the arts change your school?’

Five teams of Windsor high school students have been selected as finalists for the 2019 Student Voices Campaign, which provides a creative way for students in grades 7 to 12 to impact school policymaking and make their voices heard. Student videos responded to the question “How could the arts change your school?”

Finalists from schools throughout California were selected to be evaluated by a panel of judges. Videos were evaluated on the persuasiveness of the message, technical components of the video and the creative approach. Winners will be announced on April 5, 2019.

“Across the country, students are speaking up, joining together and shaping conversations about the most important issues we face as a county – education, climate change, gun control, immigration. It is a moment when young people have a real opportunity to push for the changes they want to see in their schools, the country, and the world,” explained California Alliance for Arts Education Program Coordinator, Caitlin Lainoff.

In California, students are guaranteed a voice in planning and budgeting for their school through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which requires that districts consult with students, parents, teachers and other community members to create the district plan.

Videos from previous contests have activated concrete change at several California school districts, such increased access to art classes, gender neutral bathrooms and the adoption of the Declaration of Students Right to Equity in Arts Learning.

The Student Voices Campaign will be featured on Inside California Education, a statewide television series about public education produced by KVIE PBS, the PBS station in Sacramento. It will also be showcased at the upcoming Youth Creativity Summit, taking place in Los Angeles on April 26 at Los Angeles Community College. The Summit hosts 300 students and includes interactive workshops, performances, and resource tables for students to tap into creative learning and career opportunities.

The five videos from Windsor High School that have been selected as finalists are:

“Why the Arts Matter”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn-jzCUeE\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn-jzCUeE_s)

“Art Isn’t Relatability”

[https://youtu.be/Tt31Qwk\\_yq8](https://youtu.be/Tt31Qwk_yq8)

“Why the Arts Matter”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4KXKraQYfo>

“Why the Arts Matter”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCfX7peUfQY>

“Why the Arts Matter”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWz5NgFeiNg&feature=youtu.be>