

Board Meeting – February 17, 2026

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- Q. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 43: to Recognize Arts Education Month in California, March 2026

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 43 as part of the regular County Board meeting on February 17, 2026; and further recommends that the Board proclaim March 2026 as Arts Education Month.

Board Resolution No. 43 is shown on the following page.

**Next Steps:**

- Send out a LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.
- Encourage the 80 districts to showcase the visual and performing arts on social media using the hashtag: #LAArtsEdMonth.

**BOARD RESOLUTION**  
**No. 43: 2025-26**  
**Arts Education Month (March 2026)**

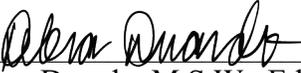
- WHEREAS,** arts education is a fundamental right that must be accessible to all students, with particular attention to historically marginalized populations, including English Learners, students of color, foster youth, homeless youth, students from low-income backgrounds, migrant students and students with special needs; and
- WHEREAS,** we recognize that many students face significant barriers to accessing, participating in and succeeding in arts education due to barriers rooted in historical and systemic inequities within our educational system; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education, including dance, music, theatre and visual and media arts, is an essential component of a well-rounded education, preparing students from Pre-K through 12th grade for success in college, careers and life; and
- WHEREAS,** arts learning fosters creativity and expression through creating, performing, presenting, producing, responding and connecting across artistic disciplines, in alignment with the California Arts Standards for Public Schools and the California Arts Education Framework; and
- WHEREAS,** integrating the arts into education, including STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), enhances critical thinking, problem-solving and innovation, making learning more engaging and meaningful; and
- WHEREAS,** the Los Angeles County Board of Education recognizes the importance of both arts integration and dedicated arts instruction as essential components of every student’s education; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education nurtures cultural awareness and global perspectives by ensuring students engage with arts that are culturally and linguistically responsive and relevant; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education supports students’ social and emotional well-being by fostering self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making, while also amplifying student voice; and
- WHEREAS,** the Los Angeles County Office of Education proudly celebrates the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, which provides a unique environment where diverse young artists can learn, create and thrive, inspiring them to use their artistic passions to benefit society; and

**WHEREAS,** the implementation of the Arts and Music Schools Funding and Accountability Act provides ongoing support for arts education through the hiring of arts educators and other initiatives backed by the Governor’s Office; and

**WHEREAS,** promoting arts education in Los Angeles County is a shared responsibility that thrives through strategic and aligned partnerships among students, educators, administrators and the community;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby proclaims March 2026 as Arts Education Month and encourages schools, families and community partners to support and celebrate the vital role of the arts in education.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education, in Downey, California.

  
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Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.  
Superintendent

  
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James Cross  
Board President