



**CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative Update**  
**CCSESA General Membership Meeting September 2022**

**The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association Arts Initiative**

*believes that the visual and performing arts are an integral part of a comprehensive curriculum and are essential for learning in the 21st century. All California students—from every culture, geographic region and socio-economic level—deserve quality arts learning in dance, music, theatre, and visual/media arts as part of the core curriculum.*

**Welcome Back to School!**

School is in session and that sense of renewed energy and commitment that comes with fall is once again permeating conversations among educators. There are many things to be excited about in arts education this year. Regional and county arts leads were busy over the summer engaging in professional learning and now Fall calendars are full as efforts continue to support educators and lean in to the goal of equitable access to arts education for each and every California student. One notable and promising development on this front is the funding opportunity in the 2022–23 state budget that is the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant. With careful planning, this funding can be a great resource for strengthening and increasing access to arts education. Look for guidance on these funds to come from the California Department of Education soon.

**The CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative**

The focus of the CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative is on implementing the goals of two grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Grant funds support the efforts of regional arts leads in the 11 CCSESA regions to build leadership capacity for arts education in their regions; provide curriculum and professional learning support and technical assistance for arts educators; and increase student access to arts learning throughout California through advocacy, partnership building, and collaborations. Collaboration among county offices and with other state organizations continues to be vital to this work. Through these many and varied activities the Statewide Arts Initiative is able to leverage effort and partnerships and increase the profile of arts education while also meeting diverse local needs.

**Standards and Framework Implementation Collaboration**

CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative and the CISC Arts Subcommittee are partnered with The California Arts Project and the California Department of Education on a three-year effort to roll out and support implementation of the *California Arts Education Framework for Public Schools, Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Arts Framework)*.

Representatives from each of these organizations form an Executive Committee which has oversight of the work. The *Arts Framework* was adopted in 2020, amid the pandemic, and plans for a series of in-person roll-out events had to be shelved. In 2021–22, the collaborating organizations focused on adapting plans and producing a statewide virtual launch of the *Arts Framework* in March. Resources generated through this collaboration, including video clips, infographics and other handouts, and customizable slide decks, can be accessed at the California Arts Education Resources for Implementation [website](#). These resources are available free, and new resources will be produced in the next several months including a professional learning module for administrators based on Chapter 9 of the Arts Framework.

Part of the effort to roll out the framework is to help those charged with supporting arts educators increase their knowledge of the contents of the framework. The CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative and TCAP are again sponsoring a TCAP Leadership Practicum focused on building capacity with the *Arts Framework*. *This professional learning opportunity*, geared for county office and TCAP leaders, begins September 29. The target audience for the practicum is

regional and county arts leads and registration is available [here](#).

## Fall Offerings

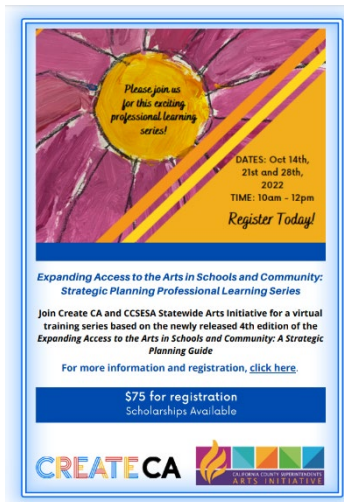
### Expanding Access to the Arts in Schools and Community: Strategic Planning Professional Learning Series

Create CA and the CCSESA Arts Initiative are pleased to offer a training series based on the newly released 4th Edition of the *Expanding Access to the Arts in Schools and Community: A Strategic Planning Guide*. Arts education consultants and co-authors of the guide, Kimberleigh Aarn and Peggy Burt, will lead this 3-part learning series that will provide participants with effective methods to build consensus and unlock transformative change. The series will highlight trends in the arts education field, virtual methods to inspire teams, and practices that build leadership capacity. By the end of this series, participants will understand how to:

- Utilize content within the newly revised *Expanding Access to the Arts in Schools and Community: A Strategic Planning Guide-4th Edition*
- Apply promising practices for facilitating components of the strategic planning process virtually
- Execute specific methods utilizing virtual platforms such as Google Suite and Miro

Target Audience: County Office and School Leaders.

Registration is linked [here](#). View/download series flyer [here](#).



## Creativity at the Core Resources

The CCSESA Arts Creativity at the Core, [Module 12: Leadership in Arts Education](#), developed by the Los Angeles Office of Education and the Riverside County Office of Education, is now available on the CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative website. This module has been re-envisioned to align with the recently adopted California arts standards and framework.

Louisa Higgins (Riverside COE) and Jeannine Flores (LACOE) worked over many months to provide education leaders, at every level, practical skills, and tools to establish sustainable arts education programming in schools.

A major feature of the module is the [“Take Five for Arts Ed”](#) video interviews with many arts and education leaders from across the state of California, including several current and former County Superintendents of Schools.

Descriptions of the other CCSESA *Creativity at the Core* modules are linked [here](#).

