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TO: All Principals **DATE:** August 16, 2024

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 28-ARTS EXPENDITURE PLAN

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide schools guidance and critical information about the required Proposition 28 plan for the 2024-2025 school year. Passed by California voters in November 2022, Proposition 28 also known as The Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act has the explicit aim of ensuring adequate financial support for arts education programs in schools across the state.

Under Proposition 28, funding is allocated based on student enrollment and economic need. Guidelines require that a minimum of 80% of the allocated funding must be directed towards employing certificated arts teachers or classified staff who will provide support to an arts teacher. The remainder of the funding, no more than 20 percent of the expenditures, may be used for allowable purposes other than certificated or classified salaries and benefits for arts education program instruction (instructional costs), as specified in Education Code section 8220(g)(1). Examples include essential professional development, procurement of visual and performing arts supplies, and fostering strategic arts partnerships. For additional information, please see the Los Angeles Unified Proposition 28 overview.

Starting in the 2023-24 school year, the California Department of Education began distributing Proposition 28 funds. Los Angeles Unified schools have received these funds under Program 11421. It's important to note that any unspent funds can only carry for a maximum of three years. According to state law, each school site must develop an expenditure plan for their allocated Proposition 28 funds. Schools are required to submit their Proposition 28 plans via this link, including details on the following expenditures:

- 2024-2025 Proposition 28 funding allocation
- Staffing expenditures
- Proposition 28 classified support staff

Proposition 28 plans must be submitted by January 31, 2025. Schools should also keep a copy of their Proposition 28 plan on file at the school site for audit purposes.

In late August, you will receive a communication toolkit to present to families during Coffee with the Principal. For additional information, please visit the California Department of Education's Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools FAQ.

If you have any questions, please contact Jantré Christian, Administrator Arts Education at <u>jantre.christian@lausd.net</u> or Jessica Williams, Administrative Coordinator at <u>jessica.w.williams@lausd.net</u> or at (213) 241-8222.

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