

PARTNERS in SHARED LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEXT PHASE 2025-2030

The next 5-year countywide strategic arts plan is a refresh of the current plan and provides necessary updates based on needs and opportunities. The new plan utilizes a shared leadership model in which partners have an expanded and increasingly deeper role in leading, engaging, and activating. These foundational partnerships, developed through time, work, and trust, will together turn the gears of this phase, and welcome in new or returning partners.



Current AEA Partners Include:

- Creative Sonoma
- Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)
- Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (LBC)
- Community of Practice of District Arts Leaders
- Education Leaders from Arts Organizations
- Sonoma State University (SSU)
- California State University-East Bay (CSUEB)
- Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC)
- North Coast School of Education (NCSOE)
- Creative Bridges
- Career & Technical Education Foundation (CTEF)
- Advocates

2024 Arts Education Revision Team

A leadership team that included representatives from some of the above partners met under the facilitation of Peggy Burt of Mindful Strategies, the initial facilitator of the AEF. Some had participated in the initial plan, some were new, and all were enthusiastic about the opportunities to revisit, redirect, and engage the power of the AEA in new, relevant directions. With opportunities ahead such as the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee & Accountability Act (AMS) also known as Prop 28, and SCOE's focuses of social justice and early childhood learning, the team identified routes to more access and equity for all students in the visual and performing arts (VAPA). The Team included:

- Nzinga Woods, SCOE Coordinator, Social Justice & VAPA
- Ryan Kurada, SCOE Coordinator, PK-3rd
- Elizabeth Robertson, Windsor USD VAPA Facilitator
- Ashleigh Worley, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts Director of Education & Community Engagement
- Connie Schlelein, Chair, Culture and Fine Arts Commission, City of Sonoma
- Jacob Ramirez, SCOE Coordinator Social Justice & Equity
- Leslie Simmons, VP CTE Foundation
- Karen McGahey, Education Consultant
- Debbie Yarrow, Creative Sonoma Arts Education Manager

This arts plan will live not only as a readable document, but it will also be sculpted into a useful, interactive digital dashboard to keep progress and collaboration active and progressing.