



ARTS EDUCATION CONNECTION — SAN DIEGO —

Welcome New Board Members

We are thrilled to announce not one, not two, but THREE new board members to AECSD! Being a board member is crucial to the success of our non-profit, and we deeply value the dedication and effort our members put in to help us achieve our goal. Our vision is to create a world where all San Diegans can learn, create, and thrive through the arts.

We are always looking for amazing people to join our board.

Click [here](#) to view our current board of directors and [here](#) to learn more about joining the board.



Philipa "Pip" Sinnerton is a Global HR leader in Business Partnerships, Compensation and benefits, HR Operations, Talent Acquisition, and M&A in entrepreneurial and corporate environments within the financial services, semiconductor, automotive, digital, and industrial industries.



Lakshmi Kari is Qualcomm's Director of Reliability Engineering. She advocates for STEM education and is an arts enthusiast. You may find her working on fiber arts projects at the San Diego Craft Collective at Liberty Station.



Dr. Emily O'Neal is honored to serve as an elementary principal. She previously served as an assistant principal and taught elementary school for ten years.

Her interests include Restorative and Culturally Responsive Teaching, SEL, Trauma, the Science of Reading, Educator Mental Health, Crisis Leadership, and Innovative School Design.



It's not too late to donate!

San Diego Gives is more than just a fundraising campaign; it's a testament to the collective spirit of San Diegans coming together to make a difference in our community. According to the USD Nonprofit Institute Annual Report, 83% of San Diegans have benefited from nonprofit services in the past year alone, showcasing the vital role organizations like AECSD play in our lives. San Diego Gives allows everyone to give back to the nonprofits that provide so much to our arts and education community.

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Please donate now to help ensure we continue to provide top-notch arts education to the students of San Diego.

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Our Programs & Prop. 28

There may need to be some clarification regarding Proposition 28 and how the funds can be spent in our schools. Let's clear up some of the misconceptions and how AECSD will continue to partner with our school districts in San Diego County.

What is Prop. 28?

- Prop. 28 is a California state referendum that increased funding for the state's arts and music education programs in PK-12 schools. California voters approved it in November 2022 with 64% of the vote. The funding provides a minimum annual financing source in PK-12 public schools, public charter schools, and every preschool and transitional kindergarten.

How can schools spend Prop. 28 funds?

- At least 80% of the funds should be used for credentialed or classified employees. 19% can be used for professional learning, field trips, materials/supplies/equipment, or supplemental programming by organizations such as AECSD, and 1% can be used for district administration.

How can we work with your school or district? We can provide:

- Specialized arts instruction, such as hip-hop dance or recycled art
- Arts Integration programming, pairing an art form with another academic content area
- Professional Learning for your classroom teachers, helping them use the arts to infuse their daily lesson plans with creativity

Here's some feedback we received from a recent workshop with teachers from SDUSD:

- * "Loved all the activities this year! Particularly dancing and drumming!"
- * "Noa- enjoyed our body percussion activity, drumming circle, and instrument rhythms with kitchen items. I plan to incorporate this into my ceramics class for break time and brain breaks."
- * "Loved the music and dance segments."
- * "So many great experiences today, but Noa from Arts Education Connection San Diego was AWESOME! It is So engaging, so interactive. I want her to come to my school."

Please contact us if your team could benefit from a professional development session with us. aecsd@artsedsd.org

Grants Galore

This summer, we received two grants! WooHoo!!

The first was from San Diego District 1 County Supervisor Chairwoman Nora Vargas. We are incredibly proud and appreciative to have been selected to receive this grant that we will use to purchase branded items.

Thank you, Chairwoman Vargas!

The second grant was from Price Philanthropies for \$30,000. It is an honor to continue working with Edison Elementary School in City Heights, and this is primarily because of our continued partnership with Price Philanthropies. This school year, all students will receive instruction in dance, and the 3rd grade will create a mural for the school.

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NORA VARGAS

San Diego County Supervisor | District 1

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We are eagerly looking forward to witnessing the creativity that will be unleashed in these students this year.

We invite you to support our teaching artists so they can continue to inspire and educate students through their creative talents and passion for the arts. Your generous donation will enable our teaching artists to conduct workshops, performances, and educational activities, enriching the lives of students and fostering a love for creativity and learning. Join us in making a positive impact on the lives of students by contributing today!

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