

How do You Feel About Music Education?

Will You Write a Letter, Postcard or Email to Voice Your Opinion?

Please consider sending a postcard or letter to our board of education members or Superintendent to voice your support for music education in the LAUSD. Below are some ideas for you:

Dear _____,

My name is _____ . My child attends _____ School. (optional)

A. Opening Statement

- Research has shown that there is a strong connection between music instruction and academic achievement in math, science and language.
- We agree with 95% of Americans (according to a Gallup Survey) who believe that music is part of a well-rounded education.
- Schools that have music programs have a higher graduation rate.
- Music is an activity that a child can enjoy all his/her life. It is a good way for young people to develop teamwork skills, and appreciation of others.
- Research indicates that children who do not receive focused instruction in music before age 8 may never be able to develop the skills needed to participate in music activities later.
- Music education helps to instill an appreciation of arts and culture according to 96% of Americans in a Gallup survey.
- Music gives children a sense of pride, accomplishment, and builds self-confidence.

B. Optional Story Line – Relate a personal experience—what effect has music had on your child? Your child's attitude or success in school? Your family? You personally?

C. Closing Statement

- I feel that music education is a valuable asset to our students, one that we should keep as a top priority.
- Music is considered a core subject according to national and state guidelines, and should be treated as such in the LAUSD.
- LAUSD has done a wonderful job of developing music education in a professional and responsible manner. I urge you to maintain the strength of music education in our district.
- Our children benefit greatly from music education. I passionately support music education in our district and would like the Board to maintain it as a vital part of our children's education. I strongly believe that we should continue to bring the benefits of music making to our school children K-12.

Sincerely,

Your Name



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Join us for an Important Advocacy Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 P M

Central LAHS #9, 450 N. Grand Ave., LA 90012

Black Box Theater