



## Siskiyou County Office of Education

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Siskiyou County Office of Education, I am writing to support the Siskiyou County Arts Council and their application for funding through the State-Local Partnership program from the California Arts Council. The work, presence, and support the Siskiyou County Arts Council provides is an invaluable resource for the community, as well as our office, staff, and students within our county.

We recently had the opportunity to partner with the Siskiyou County Arts as part of the Siskiyou County Arts Council's Veterans Initiative, to support teacher development and class field-trips to the Living Memorial Sculpture Garden. One of the challenges of living in Siskiyou County is the remoteness of many of our communities; distance can be prohibitive for many projects. This program has brought together teachers, administrators, and artists from all over the county to collaborate and develop lesson plans and strategies that incorporate new standards, expose students to local arts, and develop their personal artistic skills. Exposure to art, particularly a diversity of art, is critical to our student's education. Without the Siskiyou County Arts Council, we would not have been able to offer this program. This initial program created the opportunity to develop a stronger partnership with the organization and strengthen arts education in Siskiyou County schools.

Beyond the Veteran's Initiative program, the Siskiyou County Arts Council has been working to grow their organization, serve the needs of the community, and advocate for the importance and impact of arts and culture. With support from the California Arts Council, the Siskiyou County Arts Council can continue to ensure this county has access to quality arts and arts education. Without hesitation, I offer our support for the Siskiyou County Arts Council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kermith R. Walters  
County Superintendent

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