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## **CCSESA STATEWIDE ARTS INITIATIVE NAMES NEW STATE ARTS DIRECTOR**

SACRAMENTO, CA. (May 19th, 2022) - The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) Statewide Arts Initiative is pleased to announce the selection of their new Arts Director, after the retirement announcement of longtime serving current director, Sarah Anderberg. After an extensive search and application process, CCSESA is pleased to announce that Letty Kraus will be the new State Arts Director, effective July 1, 2022.

A former performing arts teacher, Ms. Kraus comes to CCSESA with years of experience leading statewide arts initiatives during her time with the California Department of Education. She was the Project Lead for the 2020 Arts Education Framework, as well as the Project Lead for the 2019 California Arts Standards. Among her many responsibilities in her current role, Ms. Kraus has collaborated with the CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative and The California Arts Project (TCAP) on various projects and is very familiar with the work of CCSESA, the work of county superintendents of schools, and the deep work supporting arts education in California. "Letty brings a wealth of arts, education, and leadership knowledge and expertise that will continue to help deepen and strengthen arts education in California schools. She is keenly aware of the needs of the diverse students that we serve," shared Sarah Anderberg, current Director of the CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative. "I look forward to working with her to ensure a smooth transition."

"With her rich educational and professional experience, Letty was the best choice to step in and take over for this incredible program that Sarah Anderberg has built over the last 16 years," said Karen Stapf Walters, CCSESA Executive Director. "We knew we had big shoes to fill with Sarah's impending departure but we are so grateful that Letty will be joining our team, loaded with her knowledge of the county office structure, and extremely familiar with the CCSESA Statewide Arts Initiative. She will be an incredible leader in this role and we can't wait to see what she has planned for the next chapter of this initiative."



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About CCSESA The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), under the leadership of Executive Director Karen Stapf Walters, provides the organizational mechanism for the 58 County Superintendents of Schools to design and implement statewide programs to identify and promote quality cost-effective educational practices and services, and provide support to school districts in the areas of student services, curriculum and instructional services, fiscal accountability and business services, personnel services, and technology and telecommunications. CCSESA advocates on behalf of K-12 and early childhood education at state and federal levels, and in partnership with state agencies, develops and coordinates statewide training to implement new responsibilities of county superintendents to ensure consistent statewide application and standards. For more information, visit <http://www.ccsesa.org>.