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Focus: Staffing Shortage, Teacher Pipeline

At Trinity County Office of Education, they are creatively building their teacher pipeline, by launching their TCOE California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program. This program features a grant that is intended to **recruit classified school employees into teaching careers** and support their undergraduate education and certification process to earn a preliminary California Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Education Specialist teaching credential. Applications are open now and they look forward to growing their own to address the nationwide staffing shortage.

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Focus: Arts Education, Proposition 28

Placer County Office of Education has a bi-monthly program titled “Yours in Education” and dedicated their recent episode to celebrating the importance of arts education. You can learn more about the Roseville High School Tiger Band and hear how Miranda Lema, the 2022 Placer County Middle School Teacher of the Year from Rocklin Unified School District, is inspiring students through art. Although we encourage you to watch the whole episode, specifically tune in around 14 minutes to hear how Placer County Superintendent of Schools, Gayle Garbolino-Mojica, is educating her

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Focus: Arts, Inclusion, Neurodiversity

Solano County Office of Education, in partnership with North Bay Regional Center, hosts short film camps through Inclusion Films at no cost to any student. Founded by veteran filmmaker Joey Travolta, Inclusion Films' short film camps **teach young adults who are 18-23 years old and have neurodiverse abilities the principles of film making.** Within the two-week sessions, campers develop a script, act, and record their film with professional film making support and equipment. The program is focused on developing life and job skills, encouraging communication, confidence, collaboration, and independence. Solano COE hosts a red carpet film premiere event to celebrate neurodiversity, the achievements of the young adults, and their film creations with their community.

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Focus: Juvenile Court Schools, Arts, ELA, Social Emotional Wellbeing

At Kings County Office of Education, through the JC Montgomery School, located in the Kings County Juvenile Center, they provide students with multiple arts-based learning opportunities throughout the school year. **The majority of students have complex trauma, so this provides an outlet** to process what they've gone through, an escape on difficult days, and a place to build community. They created the "Stories with Style" program, and due to wild success and impact, their model lessons are now being taught across the country. Stories with Style teaches students to analyze songs and poetry for style, tone, word choice, and audience/message, and provides them with an outlet to express their own stories through rap music, spoken word poetry, or visual arts design.

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Focus: Student Wellbeing, Community and Family Engagement

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In collaboration with families, educators and community partners, the **Orange County** Department of Education has introduced a strategic vision that describes **how local communities can work together to ensure children are thriving in all aspects of their lives.** “Empowering Students to Thrive in Education, Career and Life” is a comprehensive 50-page report that outlines shared objectives for the health, well-being and success of students. It also provides examples of effective partnerships and supports that are currently contributing to student thriving, which is defined as flourishing physically, socially, emotionally and academically. Based on interviews with community partners, families, students and educators — and endorsed by more than two dozen Orange County school district superintendents — the “Empowering Students to Thrive” report was commissioned in response to surveys and studies indicating elevated rates of depression, anxiety and stress-related health symptoms among youth.

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