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Media Opportunities...

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PODCAST

California School News Radio Features International Online Art Exhibit

California School News Radio this week features Lynwood High School teacher Luis Vega, Bishop Strachan School teacher Paul Toth and Robert College teacher Narciso Argüelles discussing the online art exhibit, [Without Borders Without Fear](#), a collaboration between students from the United States, Canada, and Turkey.

Podcasts are archived at [California School News Report](#). *Media contact: Kevin Ausmus, 909-624-3347*

UPCOMING

Bonita Unified to Offer COVID Testing at Ramona Middle School

Bonita Unified School District will offer a free drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinic to students, parents, employees, and community members, held 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at Ramona Middle School, 3490 Ramona Ave., La Verne. The next scheduled clinic is **Saturday, Oct. 2**. The clinic will run through **Saturday, Oct. 30**. Appointments are not necessary to receive the PCR test, but every participant must complete a [patient test request form](#). *Media contact: Lauren Creiman, 909-833-9853*

Baldwin Park Unified Offers Free COVID Testing to Students, Staff

Baldwin Park Unified is now offering free COVID-19 testing to its employees and students, every Monday and Wednesday through December. The next scheduled testing clinics will be held 1 to 5 p.m., **Monday, Oct. 4**, and 8 a.m. to noon, **Wednesday, Oct. 6** at Baldwin Park High School, 3900 N. Puente Ave., Baldwin Park; and 8 a.m. to noon, **Monday, Oct. 4** and 1 to 5 p.m.,

El Monte Union to Hold Public Hearing on Board Election Process

El Monte Union High School District will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., **Wednesday, Oct. 6**, as part of the transition to a by-trustee election system. The public hearing will invite public comments and input regarding initial draft trustee area maps and plans drawn by the District's demographer. The draft maps are on display at the District Office and at <https://emuhsd-by-area-trustees.com/maps>. The hearing will take place in-person at the El Monte Union Board Room located at 3537 Johnson Ave., El Monte and can also be viewed virtually at <https://www.emuhsd.org/boardlive>. *Media contact: Claudia Cruz, 626-890-9681*

Whittier Union High School District Hosts Weekly Vaccine Clinics

Whittier Union High School District, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, will host weekly vaccine clinics for the community. The clinics will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday until December at the District Board Room, 9401 Painter Ave., Whittier, on the Mulberry Drive side. The next scheduled clinic is **Wednesday, Oct. 6**. Parent consent is required for students under 18 years of age, and those under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. *Media contact: Andrea Garcia, 909-447-2403*

Lynwood Unified to Host State of the District

Lynwood Unified will highlight the District's many successes over the past year and present plans for its future during the State of the District at 8 a.m., **Friday, Oct. 8**, at the District office, 11321 Bullis Rd., Lynwood. The event will also be streamed on LUSD's Facebook live. *Media contact: Amanda Nieto, 626-513-6018*

NEWS & EVENTS

Buena Park School District Shows Gratitude to Community Partners

Buena Park School District and the Board of Education paid tribute to five of its community partners, celebrating the programs, resources and assistance each has provided to students and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The District recognized the Buena Park Police Department for campus safety and resources, the Boys & Girls Club of Buena Park for providing support to socio-economically disadvantaged students, St. Jude Medical Center for mental and physical wellness assistance, the Jain Center of Southern California for supplying Chromebooks for at-home learning and Simpson Buick GMC of Buena Park for gifting more than 3,000 backpacks and supplies to students. **Photos are available.** *Media contact: Raymond Mendoza, 909-374-1534*

Baldwin Park Unified Board Selects 2021-22 Student Representatives

Baldwin Park Unified has appointed three standout students to serve as its 2021-22 Board of Education representatives: Nhi Doan from Baldwin Park High School, Aireon Bonilla from North Park High School, and Francis Arguien from Sierra Vista High School. The new student representatives were introduced by Superintendent Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza during the Sept. 28 board meeting. *Media contact: Amanda Nieto, 626-513-6018*

creative thinking abilities during Entrepreneur Camp Río, a two-week camp that teaches students the ins and outs of business ownership. The camp, which ran through Aug. 6, challenged students to think beyond their typical curriculum by diving into the world of finance, marketing and free enterprise. It was created through a partnership between Río Hondo College's Business Division and the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) to inspire the next generation of young business tycoons. The camp was funded through a \$20,000 California Community College Strong Workforce Grant, allowing all students to participate at no cost. *Media contact:* [Raymond Mendoza](#), 909-374-1534

Hacienda La Puente Welcomes New Associate Superintendent

Hacienda La Puente Unified has named Manoj Roychowdhury as its new Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Roychowdhury brings more than 20 years of fiscal leadership experience in K-12 education to the District, with a proven track record of strong business and financial acumen, overseeing implementation of academic programs and initiatives to boost student achievement at school districts throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties. Roychowdhury will provide districtwide leadership and assume oversight of administration services, focusing on District budget, services, and facilities. **Photo is available.** *Media contact:* [Andy Torres](#), 909-447-4415

Whittier Union Student Uses Coding Skills to Build App

California High School senior Justin Toyoshiba was struck with inspiration as he watched shopping shift online and home deliveries increase during the COVID-19 pandemic. Equipped with coding skills developed in Cal High's Advanced Placement computer science class, Toyoshiba designed Delivery Blitz, an interactive game that challenges players to complete an abundance of deliveries while overcoming obstacles along the way. The app, which was brainstormed and developed over the course of six months, has become a hit amongst Toyoshiba's peers. Delivery Blitz is available for download through the [app store](#) for iOS devices. **Photos are available.** *Media contact:* [Andrea Garcia](#), 909-447-2403

Baldwin Park Unified Provides COVID Resources, Vaccine Opportunities

Baldwin Park Unified continues to offer vaccination opportunities and resources to students, staff, and the community, in an effort to guard individuals against the effects of COVID-19. As of Sept. 28, two-thirds of Baldwin Park students are fully vaccinated. The District has also made a continuous effort to provide updates for parents and staff on new cases through their dashboard, which is updated weekly.

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