



Call for Artists: Community Schools Of Joy, Healing, Wellness & Transformation [{application link}](#)

The CA Partnership for the Future of Learning is seeking to partner with California-based artists to create original artwork that envisions community schools as places where students, families, communities, and educators are authentic partners in shaping opportunities, healing, and learning for all. Each commissioned artist will submit at least two original pieces of art in their chosen medium. Explore the gallery of art created by our 2022 artist cohort [here!](#)

About the Partnership for the Future of Learning

The [California Partnership for the Future of Learning](#) (P4L) is a statewide alliance of community organizing and advocacy groups advancing a shared vision of a transformational, racially just education system built for us all.

The Partnership is focused on [ensuring this investment is used to create racially just, relationship-centered schools](#) where power and decisions are shared with students, families, educators, and community. These schools are the foundation of a transformational education system built by and for us all.

Partnership with Community Artists

We are looking to partner with 6-8 artists from around California to create political art that depicts a bold and inspiring future for schools and uplifts schools **as places of joy, healing, celebration and transformation**. A few prompts that might inspire your work:

1. What is your vision of a joyful community school, where families and students feel safe, valued and healthy?
2. What dreams and hopes do you have for the schools in your community?
3. What does it look like for schools to be centers of opportunity, while celebrating the vibrancy, culture and stories of Black, Indigenous, communities of color?
4. Why is it important for parents, families, and youth to have shared power, and an equal and respected voice in decision-making in schools?
 - a. What is possible when parents, families and youth feel ownership, co-creation and belonging in their school communities?
5. What would schools that are places of healing, and center Black, Indigenous, and other students of color; multilingual students; and students with disabilities look and feel like?

Each selected artist will receive a commission of \$1750 and \$250 supply stipend to produce two original works of art in their chosen medium. We're open to partnering with artists in any of the

following mediums: *visual art such as drawing, and poster making, photography, music, poetry or spoken word, video, or mixed media*. Art created for this project must be shareable in virtual settings.

We'll choose our commissioned artists by June 2nd, 2023. We hope to work with artists from a variety of locations in California and will prioritize artists of color for this work. Artists with all ranges of experience are welcome to submit.

Once we've selected our artist partners, P4L will convene a short orientation session where we'll tell you a bit more about our work, ground you in our organizing vision, and provide the chance to hear students and families' dreams for school to help jumpstart your art making. Final submissions will include a written and video artist statement. Artists will receive their stipend upon completion. **The deadline to submit created art will be July 3rd, 2023.**

P4L will uplift the created works and artists by distributing art through a network of 20+ grassroots and statewide organizations as part of our organizing and via social media and through virtual events. Artists will be credited for all their work and will retain the rights to use their art for future projects or exhibitions.

Interested in creating art with us?

If you would like to be considered for this project, **please apply by May 26th, 2023, 5pm PT using [this short application](#)**. You'll be asked to share why you are interested in creating art with us and have the chance to upload or link to sample work.

If you have any questions, please email Justine Santos at justine@californiansforjustice.org.