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## **NINE MAGNOLIA SCIENCE ACADEMY SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WERE AWARDED THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP GRANT TOTALING \$1.8 MILLION**

**LOS ANGELES, CA** – Magnolia Science Academies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and Santa Ana—part of the [Magnolia Public Schools](#) (MPS) network of high-performing TK-12 schools—were awarded 200K each as part of the [California Community Schools Partnership Program](#): Planning Grant to support in the development of a community school implementation plan. As part of this process, school sites will work closely with teachers, students, and families and partner with community agencies and local government to best align community resources to improve overall student outcomes.

“Over the last 20 years, Magnolia has been a pillar in the communities we serve, and now we will be able to continue the work in a larger capacity,” said Magnolia Public Schools CEO Alfredo Rubalcava. “This award validates that we are on the right path, and I am beyond excited to see how we will take this planning year to make our mark in our communities and continue to bring much-needed resources.”

This year the California State Board of Education and State Superintendent Thurmond awarded a total of \$3 billion to 192 LEAs, nine of them being Magnolia schools. Magnolia has initiated the components of a community school, but with the support of the funds from the program, Magnolia will now have a planning year for 2022-23 to help build the buy-in and capacity of staff for implementation, better understand the needs of the community, tailor services accordingly, and engage educational partners like parents, students, partners, and the broader community.

“The value of leading as a community school extends beyond the current generations of scholars. This opportunity invites the possibility to positively impact the lives of all children, families, and staff in the communities Magnolia serves,” said Dr. Brenda D. Lopez, Chief External Officer for Magnolia Public Schools. “It is an honor, and we accept the responsibility to lead forward for all families.”

For a complete list of awardees and program descriptions, visit the [CDE’s website](#).

**[About Magnolia Public Schools](#)**

Magnolia Public Schools is a high-performing network of 10 public charter schools in Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange counties that provide a college preparatory educational program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM). Magnolia's mission is to prepare students to succeed in college through a rigorous academic program while reinforcing core values through character development classes that cultivate respect for self and others. Magnolia's vision is to create scientific thinkers who contribute to the global community as socially responsible and educated members of society. [www.magnoliapublicschools.org](http://www.magnoliapublicschools.org)

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