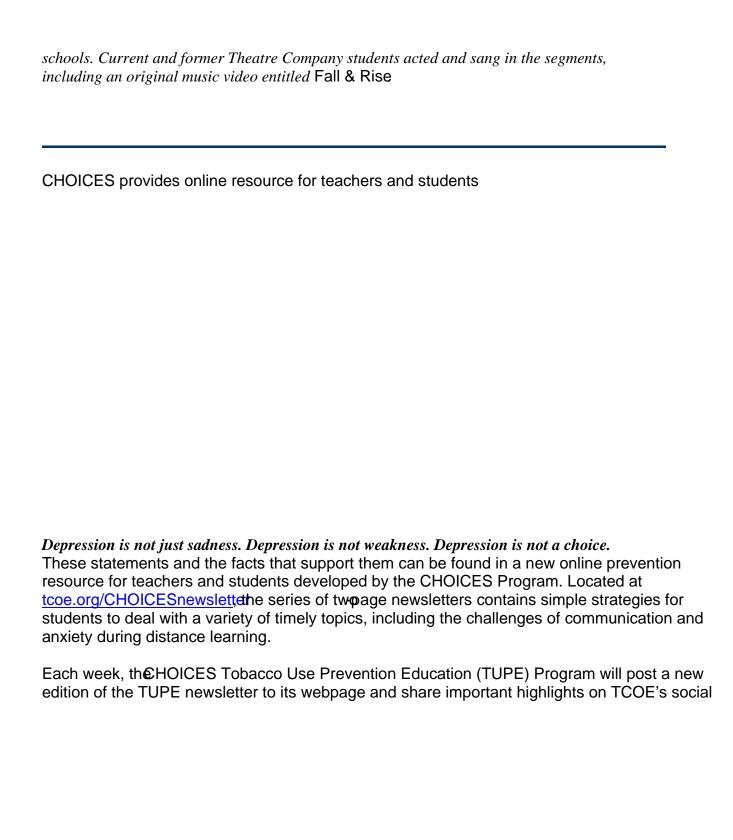
Readership project debuts with training for teachers in five districts
Last summer, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced that the California Department of Education (CDE) would provide two \$500,000 grants to address

Last week, project directors Jenean Bray and Tammyddinli members of the English Language Arts team at Educational Resource Services, kicked off Readership with virtual training for 60 teachers, leaders, and coaches from nine elementary and middle schools within the partner districts. Participants were enegating learning strategies to foster the mindsets of students in grades to engage in literacy. Attendees also heard from awarding author and staff development leader Donalyn Miller. Through her presentation, Ms. Miller shared research on the correction between reading and student success, and provided suggestions and resources to foster children's love of reading.

One of the highlights of the training was the introduction of a fourt video developed by the project directors in partnership with the Theatre Company. Current and former TCOE Theatre Company students starred in each segment, including one entitled "The Book Report." In this segment, a teacher checks in with his class via Zoom to discuss their book report project. The students annound that they've chosen the book $Dreams\ From\ Many\ Riv$ Margarita Engle, but have few ideas on developing their project. The teacher encourages them to think outside the box. Uninspired at first, the students eventually find a line from a poem in the book that motivates them to write and perform a music video eoite t &(a)4 (I)-2 fi(ua)4 (I)-2 (Ip)2 -u. alo





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