

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Proclamation in support of

ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

from the NC State Board of Education

WHEREAS, March has been designated by the National Dance Education Organization as “Dance in Our Schools Month,” by the National Association for Music Education as “Music in our Schools Month,” by the National Theatre Association as “Theatre in Our Schools Month,”; and by the Council for Art Education as “Youth Art Month,” and

WHEREAS, *Arts Education* in North Carolina Schools includes four separate and distinct disciplines: dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts - each with its own body of knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, *The arts* have been part of life from the very beginning and are an inseparable part of the human journey; describing, defining, and deepening the human experience; and

WHEREAS, *The arts* are everywhere in our lives, adding depth and dimension to the environment we live in, and shaping our experience daily; and

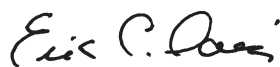
WHEREAS, All students participating in *arts education* courses benefit from the skills and processes developed through *the arts* and apply those skills in a variety of disciplines and settings no matter their intended career path; and

WHEREAS, *Arts Education* contributes to student’s development through heightened skills in listening, understanding human experiences, creative problem solving, adapting to and respecting others’ diverse ways of thinking, communicating effectively as well as analyzing nonverbal communication, reading, self-expression, imagination of humankind, creativity; and

WHEREAS, *Arts Education* innovatively ignites and engages learners personally and enhances the social and emotional morale as well as the quality of **all** students and **all** school cultures by helping develop self-confidence, boost self-reliance, and increase empathy and compassion towards one’s self and others; and

WHEREAS, *Arts Education* is essential for **all** students in NC as part of a well-rounded education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the North Carolina State Board of Education and State Superintendent does hereby proclaim on Thursday, March 7, 2019, as Arts in Our Schools Month and urges all citizens celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially in March that Arts Education as essential part of every student’s education in North Carolina.



Eric C. Davis, Chairman
North Carolina State Board of Education



Mark R. Johnson, Superintendent
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

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