

WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 65-1617
ARTS EDUCATION MONTH
MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, theater, music, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-evaluation, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understandings; and

WHEREAS, many national and state professional arts education associations hold celebrations in March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education stated in its Arts Education Policy that each student should receive a high quality comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted *Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve*.

WHEREAS, the West Contra Costa Unified School District stated in the guiding principles of its *Visual and Performing Arts Master Plan for Curriculum Integration and Implementation* that every WCCUSD student has a right to equitable access to Arts Education in the classroom in ways that honor the cultural legacies of our communities and enable all students to participate in hands-on artistic learning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California State Board of Education and the West Contra Costa Unified School District proclaim the month of March 2017 as Arts Education Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding the visual and performing arts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this first day of March 2017 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYE's _____ NO's _____ ABSENT _____ ABSTAIN _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the West Contra Costa Unified School District at a public meeting of said Board held on March 1, 2017.

President of the Board of Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District

Clerk of the Board Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District