

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

RESOLUTION No. 2195-1

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education is committed to supporting the arts to inspire and prepare students for success in the 21st century and allowing them to develop as productive, contributing members of a strong community, and;

WHEREAS, we share the vision of ensuring that students have equitable access to high-quality arts education, that is culturally-relevant and inclusive, in all forms as part of a comprehensive education that sparks curiosity, imagination, creativity and joy;

WHEREAS, Artspiration is a county-wide arts education initiative focused on professional development, student engagement, and advocacy and communication;

WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, imagination, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, collaboration and are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success;

WHEREAS, each March, Arts Education is celebrated in local schools, schools districts, community arts organizations and larger communities;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes the month of March as Arts Education Month and supports arts education in Santa Clara County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools encourages arts in our classrooms and celebrates students' creativity, inspiration and joy through artistic expression.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 18, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: President Chang, members Di Salvo, Green, Rossi, Mah and Song

NOES: --none--ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: Vice-President Kamei

Michael Chang, President

Santa Clara County Board of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools