

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING YOUTH ARTS MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No 2314-1**

WHEREAS, Youth Arts Month is an annual celebration supported through the Council for Art Education to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for excellent school art programs. It provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experience in the visual arts that are specific to learning in the arts; and

WHEREAS, each March Youth Arts month and art education is celebrated in local schools, school districts, community arts organizations, and larger communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Education, the arts are taught in nearly 60,000 classes in Santa Clara County. Studies have proven that arts learning strategies and arts integration help teachers to recognize and build upon critical thinking skills, curiosity, flexibility, communication, innovation, collaboration and are the traits required for post-secondary and workplace success; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, Proposition 28 passed, providing about \$1 billion of funding each year to California public schools. This funding is directly in support of youth participating in music and arts in California schools; and

WHEREAS, according to SRI Education, 11% of California schools offer courses in all 4 art disciplines. The number of arts teachers has increased slightly since 2014 with a 17% increase in the number of arts teachers in California with a 46% increase in CTE AME teachers (Arts Media Entertainment) even with a decrease in overall student enrollment in the state; and

WHEREAS, according to SRI International, in the Bay Area, there are more music and art courses than dance or theater: nearly 3 in 4 schools offered music courses and 61% offered courses in visual art. This compared to 3 in 10 (28%) of classes in theater and 1 in 5 or 20% of classes offered in dance; and

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 create skills to help them become successful and multifaceted individuals in the future; and

WHEREAS, we share the vision of ensuring that students have 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; and

WHEREAS, each year, there is a Young Artist Showcase hosted by Artspiration. The many works of art submitted from this showcase are then displayed at the SCCOE office; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme for the Young Artist Showcase Competition is “Hope in a New Era”. This year’s theme encourages youth to reimagine, through the arts and creativity, a new era of creative freedom and expression; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Artspiration is a county-wide arts education initiative focused on professional development, student engagement, advocacy, and communication. The Arts Equity Community of Practice helps cohorts of educators deepen their practice of culturally responsive teaching and learning through the arts, ultimately benefiting students in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Artspiration is leading the way in local arts education by providing free training for teaching arts that support students in kindergarten through grade 12 on the California Arts Standards for Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Artspiration has established partnerships throughout the county and the state to strengthen support and advocacy for youth arts within Santa Clara County, including ArtsEd Connect, Create CA, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association Arts Initiative, Children's Discovery Museum, City of San Jose - Office of Cultural Affairs, Mineta San Jose International Airport, Montalvo Arts Center, New Museum Los Gatos, San Jose Downtown Association, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, San Jose State University, San Jose Taiko, Stanford Live Education, SV Creates, Symphony Silicon Valley, The Red Ladder Theatre Company, The Tech Museum of Innovation; and

WHEREAS, Artspiration is also working with other counties in California to bring together those who work with youth in the art community to collaborate together; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize the month of March as Youth Arts Month, encourage youth to express themselves in the arts and encourage the use of a variety of arts in the classrooms in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 15, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha

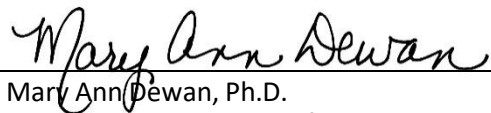
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Berta



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools