

RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING MARCH AS YOUTH ARTS MONTH
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2237-1

WHEREAS, 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 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, the Santa Clara County Office of Education houses the largest collection of adjudicated student artwork in the state, obtained through our annual Young Artist Showcase county-wide competition;

WHEREAS, 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;

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, CA Alliance for Arts Education, CA County Superintendents Educational Services Association Arts Initiative, Children's Discovery Museum, City of San Jose - Office of Cultural Affairs, CREATE CA, CreaTV, KQED Education, 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, Sixth District PTA, Stanford Live Education, SV Creates, Symphony Silicon Valley, The Red Ladder Theatre Company, The Tech Museum of Innovation, and The Walt Disney Family Museum;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has partnered with the Mineta San Jose International Airport to showcase high school student art to travelers coming through San Jose;

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

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Education, Fine Arts are taught in almost 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;

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Education recognizes the month of March as Youth Arts Month and supports arts education in Santa Clara County and encourages arts in our classrooms and celebrates students' creativity, inspiration, and joy through artistic expression.

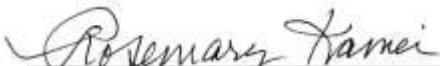
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 20, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustees Di Salvo, King, Mah, Ortiz and Rossi

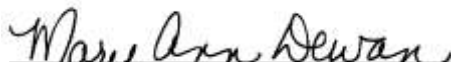
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Rosemarie Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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