

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH AS YOUTH ARTS MONTH

RESOLUTION No. 2218-1

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 access to high-quality arts education that is culturally-relevant and inclusive, in all forms as part of a comprehensive education;

WHEREAS, Artspiration supports the arts to foster creativity, imagination, innovation, and joy through direct arts instruction and integrated STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) learning;

WHEREAS, Artspiration is a county-wide arts education initiative provided by the SCCOE focused on student engagement and expression, professional development, advocacy, community partnerships, and communication;

WHEREAS, we partner with the City of San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs, CreaTV, Hewlett Foundation, San Jose State University, Stanford LIVE Education, and local arts organizations to provide teacher professional development and opportunities for students; and

WHEREAS, Artspiration's Young Artist Showcase will be held May 22 and holds the largest collection of student artwork in California and had over 1,000 K-12 student submissions in 2017;

WHEREAS, 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, schools districts, community arts organizations and larger communities through showcasing student artwork at the SCCOE Ridder Park Office, display at the Mineta San Jose International Airport, and annually at the Santa Clara County Fair;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education recognizes the month of March as Youth Arts Month and supports arts education in Santa Clara County.

THEREFORE, BE IT 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.

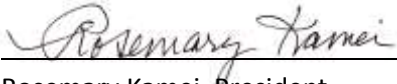
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 7, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei and members Di Salvo, King, Rossi, Mah and Song

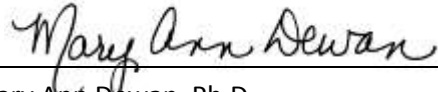
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: member Green



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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