

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS AND MUSIC IN SCHOOLS - FUNDING GUARANTEE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2305-4**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) supports “The Arts and Music in Schools - Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act”; and

WHEREAS, arts and music education which includes dance, theater, painting and contemporary art such as computer graphics, animation, photography and coding, costume design and film offers inclusion opportunities as well as a culture of welcoming and belonging on school campuses and is known to increase student engagement levels; and

WHEREAS, in grades first through sixth state law requires schools to provide “instruction in the subjects of dance, music, theater, and visual arts aimed at the development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression”; and

WHEREAS, the state law reads for middle and high schools that courses in dance, music, theater, and visual arts shall be offered; and

WHEREAS, within California, students who plan to attend either a UC or CSU must take the equivalent of a yearlong course in the visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, currently in the state of California, only one in five public schools has a dedicated arts or music teacher; and

WHEREAS, national data reports that white students are two times as likely as Black and Latino (61 percent of enrolled students in California), or low-income (77 percent of enrolled students in California) students to have received an arts education; and

WHEREAS, “The Arts and Music in Schools - Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act” will increase school funding for the visual and performing arts by more than \$800 million each year allowing for arts programs in schools to grow by more than 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, this increase will create more learning opportunities for students and will help to create career pathways while creating more equitable outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, the Artspiration program at the SCCOE has partnered with SV Creates to establish the ArtsEdConnect Grant in 21 school districts within Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, this grant allows for educators to expand their knowledge base in the arts, offers arts immersion opportunities, and creates spaces for students to generate art; and

WHEREAS, Artspiration is the countywide initiative to support arts education for all students in Santa Clara County Schools and has been doing so since 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Artspiration team hosts a monthly Arts Education Community of Practice, a quarterly Artspiration Leadership Council of representatives from schools, arts organizations, and teaching artists and the annual Young Artist Showcase, an event in which students from K-12 public schools in our county submit artwork to a theme; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education partners with SV Creates to offer arts programs to schools throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education houses the largest collection of student artwork in the state numbering well over 900 pieces; so now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools support “The Arts and Music in Schools - Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act”.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 7, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon, Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, and Sreekrishnan

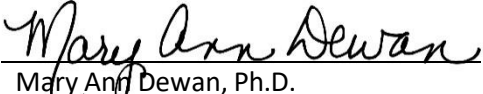
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustees Mah and Rossi



Peter Ortiz, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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