

Board Meeting – February 21, 2023

Item. VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- E. Adoption of Board Resolution 29: to Recognize Arts Education Month in California, March 2023

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Board Resolution No. 29 as part of the regular County Board meeting on February 21, 2023; and further recommends that the Board proclaim March 2023 as Arts Education Month.

Board Resolution No. 29 is shown on the following page.

Next Steps:

- Send out a LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.
- Encourage the 80 districts to showcase the visual and performing arts on social media using the hashtag: #LAArtsEdMonth2023

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 29: 2022-23

Arts Education Month (March 2023)

- WHEREAS** arts education is a right that must be inclusive, with particular attention to those populations that have traditionally been excluded or precluded, such as English Learners, students of color, foster youth, homeless youth, students in poverty, migrant students and special needs students; and
- WHEREAS** we acknowledge that particular groups of students experience significant barriers to access, participation and success in arts learning and that these barriers are directly linked to historical, persistent and pervasive inequities in our educational system; and
- WHEREAS** arts learning – which includes dance, music, theatre, and visual and media arts – is an essential part of a comprehensive education for all students, pre-K-12, to prepare them for college, career and life; and
- WHEREAS** arts education advances student mastery through creating, performing, presenting, producing, responding and connecting in all art forms per the *California Arts Standards for Public Schools* and the *California Arts Education Framework*; and
- WHEREAS** arts integration and STEAM develop students’ creative potential by reinforcing and promoting critical thinking and problem-solving skills and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- WHEREAS** the Los Angeles County Board of Education acknowledges the necessity of including both arts integration and discrete arts instruction in all students’ education; and
- WHEREAS** arts education teaches students to cultivate a global perspective, as they experience arts that are culturally and linguistically responsive and relevant; and
- WHEREAS** arts education supports the social and emotional learning of every student, building greater self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making, lifting and promoting student voice; and
- WHEREAS** the Los Angeles County Office of Education is proud of its LA County High School for the Arts that provides a unique space for diverse, young artists to learn, create and thrive, inspiring students to discover how their passion for the arts benefits humanity; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Office of Education supports and acknowledges the passage of Proposition 28 that provides ongoing support to arts education through hiring of arts educators and other efforts of the Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS arts education in Los Angeles County is a collective responsibility that is best promoted through strategic, aligned partnerships that benefit students, community, educators and administrators; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Education, hereby proclaims March 2023 as Arts Education Month.

ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2023 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education, in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent



James Cross
Board President