

Issaquah School District #411
Arts Education Month
Resolution No. 1053

A resolution of the Issaquah School District No. 411 declares May 2015 Arts Education Month.

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, are defined as a core content area in Washington State’s definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete education that should be provided for all students; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; and

WHEREAS, the arts can transform our schools into havens of creativity and exploration – places where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and all members of the learning community are more engaged and motivated; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including school boards, district administrators, educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local businesses and organizations, whose collective endeavors towards equitable provision of arts learning for all students we celebrate and promote; and

WHEREAS, we applaud efforts of and dedication of arts educators and advocates around the state, and we call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their commitment to provide arts education for every student in every school,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411 does hereby adopt Resolution No. 1053 proclaiming May 2015 as Arts Education Month in this community, and call on all students, staff, and families to join us in this special observance.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors the 13th day of May, 2015

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors