

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 05-02

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

MARCH 2005

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; and

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture; and

WHEREAS, many national and state professional educational associations hold celebrations in the month of March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1989, that each student should receive a high quality, comprehensive arts education program based on the adopted 2004 Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento County Board of Education proclaims the month of March 2005 as Arts Education Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento County Board of Education on this 23rd day of March 2005.

Christopher W. Woods, Board President

Attest:

David W. Gordon
County Superintendent of Schools