Joint Resolution No. 20-6
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Recognizing March 2020 as Arts Education Month/Youth Art Month

Whereas, the arts, which include dance, theater, music, visual arts, and media arts, are an essential part of a complete education for all students; and

Whereas, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, critical thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty, and a deepened sense of cultural inclusivity; and

Whereas, experience in the arts develops a student’s insights and abilities and provides access to one of the most important repositories of culture; 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 Visual and Performing Arts Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve; and

Whereas, in November of 2019, the San Mateo County Board of Education and County Superintendent celebrated the launch of SMCOE’s 2019 Visual, Performing, and Media Arts Strategic Plan intended to inspire arts educators across San Mateo County to provide engaging arts education integrated across all grade bands and subject matters; and

Whereas, in March and April of 2020, the San Mateo County Office of Education, in partnership with Lime Design, will host “Creativity Residencies: Building Mindsets for Future-Ready Educators,” a professional development program that gives teachers multiple opportunities to be immersed in hands-on music, theater, visual arts, and dance experiences that help build teacher creativity;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools recognize the month of March 2020 as Arts Education Month/Youth Art Month and encourage all school sites to celebrate the arts with meaningful school activities and programs that demonstrate a deeper understanding of and connection to ourselves and the world in which we live.

SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this
Fifth Day of February 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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