

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 121
Clallam County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 1112-14

WHEREAS, Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed the month of May as Arts Education Month in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the arts are defined as a subject in Washington State's definition of basic education and considered an essential component of the complete and balanced education 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 the efforts 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, the Board of Directors does hereby proclaim the month of May 2012 as *Arts Education Month* in the Port Angeles School District, and urges all citizens to join in this observance.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Port Angeles School District No. 121, Clallam County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of the Board of Directors held this 9th day of April, 2012.






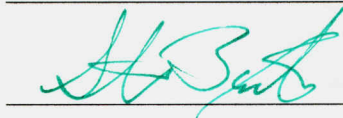
Patricia J. Hepe
President and Director



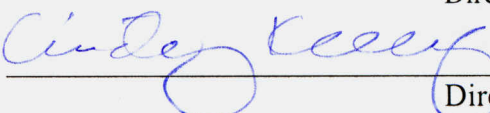
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Secretary to the Board of Directors