

Bethel Public Schools
RESOLUTION 20 (14-15)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT 403, SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON, PROCLAIMING MAY 2015, AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH.

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, and defined as a core academic subject in Washington state's definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of a 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 twenty-first 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 and 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 efforts to provide arts education for "Every Student in Every School."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethel School District Board of Directors designates the month of May 2015 as Arts Education Month in the Bethel School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bethel School District Board of Directors calls the community to join with it in personally thanking and recognizing teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Bethel School District Board of Directors held this 28th day of April 2015 with the following members present and voting:

Board of Directors:



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Stan Chapin, President

Warren Smith
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Warren Smith, Vice President

Amy Pivetta Hoffman
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Amy Pivetta Hoffman, Director

John Manning
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John Manning, Director

Brenda Rogers
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ATTEST:

Dr. Ann VanKerckhove
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Secretary to the Board