

Bethel Public Schools
RESOLUTION 16 (16-17)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT 403, SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON, PROCLAIMING MAY 2017, AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH.

WHEREAS, the state of Washington recognizes the arts, defined as dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts, as a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, perseverance, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding and empathy, 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, included, and motivated; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local and statewide organizations; 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, every year.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethel School District Board of Directors proclaims the month of May 2017, as Arts Education Month in Bethel School District.

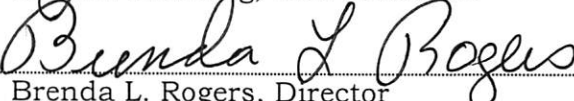
The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Bethel School District Board of Directors held this 25th day of April 2017 with the following members present and voting:

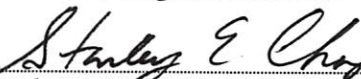
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