



Request to the School Board for a Board Resolution

<Date>

<School District name>

<Address>

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing to you today [If using as talking points for an in-person request at a School Board meeting say: I am here at this meeting today] as a parent and constituent of the \_\_\_\_\_School District. [If you represent the PTA of a particular school or schools say this too, and give the approximate number of members.] As you may be aware, May is Arts Education Month, a time that we publicly recognize and celebrate the positive impacts the arts have on our students, schools, and communities. I am writing to ask you to join in this important effort to ensure arts learning for every student. By proclaiming May as Arts Education Month, it acknowledges and supports the value of this celebration on behalf of the students, families, and educators of <Name of School District>.

[Suggested messaging that you can also integrate into your letter or verbal request:

- The arts are a core component in our state's definition of basic education.
- For the students in our state to have the best chance of fulfilling their potential, learning in and through the arts must be part of their education.
- A standard K-12 curriculum, that includes arts education as part of everyday learning, fosters well-rounded graduates who enter college and the workforce with creative skills and a competitive edge.]

Credible research has demonstrated consistently better outcomes for students highly involved in the arts including better grades, less likelihood of dropping out, and more positive attitudes about school. These same studies show that high levels of arts participation make the greatest difference for economically disadvantaged students. Creativity and innovation are the skills needed to prepare our children for the 21st-century. As we seek to develop the leaders we need for a future we cannot predict, we cannot define a complete education without the arts, and all students in <School District> deserve this opportunity.

Sincerely,

<Signatures from the school community>

Encl: Draft resolution sample