

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #16/17-33

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Arts Education, which includes dance, music, theater, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, to provide for balanced learning and to develop the full potential of their minds; 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 cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively one of the most important repositories of culture; and

WHEREAS, many national and state professional education associations hold celebrations in March focused on students' participation in the arts; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations give California schools an important opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, promote cross-cultural understanding, give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, and enhance public support for the arts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education states in its Arts Education Policy adopted in July 1995 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*,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District proclaims the month of March as Arts Education Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the district.

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