

RESOLUTION 2016-4
Expressing support for designation of the week
beginning on the second Sunday of September as
Arts in Education Week

Whereas arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students;

Whereas arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, 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;

Whereas to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate;

Whereas when schools and communities deliver high quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur;

Whereas arts education has a demonstrated ability to increase attendance rates, graduation rates, and student achievement, especially for at-risk students;

Whereas attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring that schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation;

Whereas there is widespread concern that high-stakes testing, accountability, and the new Colorado graduation requirements are leading to reductions in access to arts education for Colorado students; and

Whereas art is integral to the lives of United States citizens and essential to the health and vitality of communities and of the Nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Colorado Springs District 11 Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a classic, well-rounded, strong academic education; and

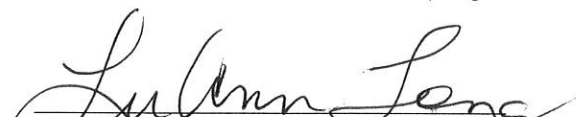
Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Education supports the designation of September 14-18, 2015 as Arts in Education Week and calls on all District employees and families to observe the week with appropriate activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have unto set our hands and caused the official seal of said Colorado Springs School District 11 to be hereunto affixed this 26th day of August 2015.

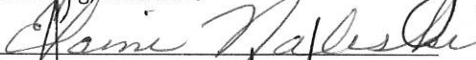


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LuAnn Long, President



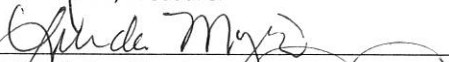
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