

STATE *of* WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, the National Association for Music Education has designated Music in Our Schools Month; and

Whereas, the National Art Education Association designates March as Youth Art Month; and

Whereas, the National Dance Education Organization, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes Dance in Your Schools Month each March; and

Whereas, the Educational Theatre Association, the International Thespian Society, and the American Alliance for Theatre and Education celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Month; and

Whereas, music, art, dance, and theatre are defined as part of a well-rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act and are all part of a comprehensive education that engage students in concepts and experiences developed through sensory awareness, aesthetic discernment, skill development, artistic literacy, creative expression, and performance; and

Whereas, the knowledge, techniques, and skills gained through music, art, dance, and theatre support the overall goal of helping all students become college and career ready; and

Whereas, music, art, dance, and theatre encourage students to be creative, innovative thinkers while making connections to history, culture, global communities, and other art forms, and support the social and emotional well-being of student, fostering a more positive school environment; and

Whereas, quality school-based music, art, dance, and theatre programming involves multiple partners, including school community members, families, arts organizations, and businesses, who support access to arts programs for all students;

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Dr. Jill Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare March Music, Art, Dance and Theater in Our Schools Month and encourage students, educators, family members, and all community members to celebrate music, art, dance, and theatre and the benefits the arts bring to all students.

Music, Art, Dance and Theater in Our Schools Month

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent