

NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 11 – 2016/2017

ARTS EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core subject in California state's definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, under the new federal Elementary and Secondary Act, known as the Every Student Succeeds Act, states are held responsible for a "well-rounded" education, which specifically includes arts education; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, 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; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st 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 and motivated; and

WHEREAS, high quality school-based arts education involves a wide range of partners, including Boards of Education, administrators, educators, parents, artists and arts organizations, community members, and local businesses and organizations, whose collective endeavors towards equitable provision of arts learning for all students we celebrate and promote; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts and dedication of arts educators and advocates in Novato Unified School District and the state, and we call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their commitment to provide arts education for every student, in every classroom, in every school in Novato Unified School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Novato Unified School District Board of Education do hereby support arts education in Novato.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this October 18, 2016, at the regular meeting of the Novato Unified School District Board of Education.

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Attest: 
Clerk, Novato Unified School District Board of Trustees