Proclamation

Whereas	the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, are defined as a core subject in Washington state's definition of basic education, and considered an essential component of the complete and balanced education for all students; 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
Therefore	we, the members of the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

Arts in Education Month

in Lake Washington School District

Dr. Jane Stavem, Superintendent

Siri Bliesner, Board President

Signed April 22, 2019