

# Proclamation *Proclamation*

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**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 2024 as

## Arts in Education Month

**in Lake Washington School District**



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**Dr. Jon Holmen, Superintendent**



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**School Board President**