



ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"

RESOLUTION 2026-27-12

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2027
AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, arts education, which includes dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, kindergarten through grade twelve, and provides for balanced learning;

WHEREAS, through well-planned instruction and activities in the arts, children develop initiative, creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, thinking skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty and cross-cultural understanding;

WHEREAS, experience in the arts develops insights and abilities central to the experience of life, and the arts are collectively a most important repository of culture;

WHEREAS, national and state professional arts education associations hold celebrations in the month of March, which focus on students participating in the arts;

WHEREAS, these celebrations offer California schools an opportunity to focus on the multiple benefits instructions in the arts provides for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to give recognition to the state's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to California students, and to enhance public support for this important part of our curriculum;

WHEREAS, students who achieve in the arts participate in society by looking at things carefully, hearing things thoughtfully, and feeling things sensitively; and

WHEREAS, when students have access to the arts throughout their school years, they have opportunities to grow as creative, intellectual, and spiritual human beings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees recognizes the month of March 2027 as Arts Education Month and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

Adopted by the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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