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Speaking Points for Curtain Speeches and Other Announcements

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- Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed the month of May as Arts Education Month in Washington State. During Arts Education Month, we call attention to the critical role of arts learning in a complete education, and help empower our schools and communities to provide every child with arts learning opportunities, in every year of their education.
- Here in Washington, the arts are a core component in our state's definition of basic education. As our state legislature considers new funding mechanisms for basic education, it is ever more important to remind our leaders of this fact.
- Study after study shows that arts education teaches creative problem-solving and cultural awareness; offers multiple pathways to understanding for different learners; and increases connections and engagement between teachers, students, and the connected community that surrounds them.
- The unfortunate reality is that not every child in our state has equitable access to arts learning. With "creativity" and "innovation" the new watchwords in almost every career field, these are the skills that are needed to prepare our children for life in the 21st-century. We must ensure that every child in Washington receives arts learning as part of their complete K-12 education.
- Everyone can be a part of Arts Education Month! We encourage you to visit www.ArtsEdWashington.org to learn more and find out how you can encourage arts education in your community.
- Here at [school/district/organization], we know that the arts are a central component of a complete education. We are proud to participate in Arts Education Month, and we invite you to learn more about our arts education programs by [calling office, visiting website, picking up literature, etc.].

