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Request to the School Board for a Board Resolution

<Date>
<The Board of Directors>
< School District name>
<Street address>
<City>, <State> <ZIP>

Dear <Board of Directors>:

I am writing to you today *[here at this meeting today]* as a parent and constituent of the _____ School District. *[If you represent the PTA of a particular school or schools say this too, and give the approximate number of members.]* Governor Gregoire is proclaiming May as Arts Education Month and I hope that you can pass a Board Resolution acknowledging and supporting the value of this celebration on behalf of the students, families and educators of this School District.

As we seek to develop the leaders we need for a future we cannot predict, we must ensure that today's children receive the "whole child" education that arts learning provides. Study after study shows that arts education teaches creative problem-solving and cultural knowledge; offers multiple pathways to understanding for different types of learners; and increases connections and engagement between teachers, students, and the connected community that surrounds them.

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 cannot define a complete education without the arts, and all children in <name of School District>deserve this opportunity.

Washington State's Arts Education Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the positive impact the arts have on our children, our schools, and our communities. I ask you to join in this important effort to promote the arts by proclaiming May as Arts Education Month in <name of School District>. A draft resolution is attached to assist you.

Sincerely,

<Signatures from the school community>

[If attending a School Board meeting in person to make the request, try to bring a group and wear matching badges or carry folders with a message "Arts Education Month" to show strength of support for your request.]