By the Davidson County Board of Education and Dr. Emily Lipe, Superintendent

A Proclamation

- Whereas all students have the right to an arts education that includes media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts taught by certified arts educators, in partnership with community providers.

- Whereas arts education has the power to change students’ lives.

- Whereas arts education is a key to re-igniting students’ learning in a post-COVID-19 world.

- Whereas arts education helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected.

- Whereas arts education experiences help students understand their own cultural roots and appreciate others’ cultural roots and traditions.

- Whereas arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of students and fosters a more positive, safer school environment.

- Whereas arts education is part of the well-rounded education for every student as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act and in state law.

Now, therefore, the Davidson County School District pledges to maintain and grow arts education programs during the 2021-22 school year and beyond.

Acknowledged and resolved this fifteenth day of April, 2021.

Alan W. Beck, Board of Education

Dr. Emily W. Lipe, Superintendent