

Proclamation in support of



Arts in Our Schools MONTH

MARCH 2023

- WHEREAS,** arts education, including dance, media arts, music, theatre arts, and visual arts is an essential element of a complete and well rounded education for all students; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education enables all students to develop critical thinking and problem solving, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which support personalized pathways to academic success across the curriculum; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates; elevates academic achievement; and prepares students for college, career, and citizenship readiness; and
- WHEREAS,** arts education supports personal growth outside of the classroom and increases a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, and community engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** to succeed in today's economy, students must develop skills that business leaders demand in a twenty-first century workforce such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and
- WHEREAS,** North Carolina supports statewide partnerships and cross-sector collaboration to promote and advance comprehensive arts education for North Carolina school children, including arts education, arts integration, and arts exposure; and
- WHEREAS,** the arts are an integral part of life in our state and are essential to a complete education, which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of our communities; and
- WHEREAS,** our schools are charged with the education and development of well-rounded students;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the member organizations of the Arts Education Leadership Coalition, do hereby proclaim March 2023, as "**ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to celebrate and acknowledge everyday but especially for this month that Arts Education is essential to every student's education in North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto added our organizational logos on this the first day of March in the year two thousand twenty-three.

