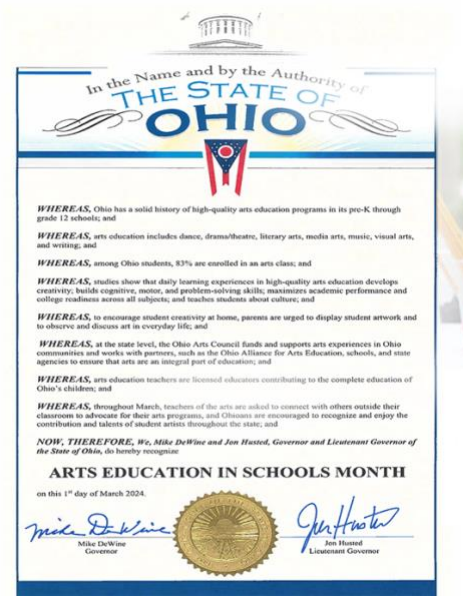
News impacting arts education, keeping you informed!

OHIO ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Arts Online Newsletter Week of March 4, 2024


In the Name and by the Authority of
THE STATE OF
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WHEREAS, arts education includes dance, drama/theatre, literary arts, media arts, music, visual arts, and writing; and

WHEREAS, among Ohio students, 83% are enrolled in an arts class; and

WHEREAS, studies show that daily learning experiences in high-quality arts education develops creativity; builds cognitive, motor, and problem-solving skills; maximizes academic performance and college readiness across all subjects; and teaches students about culture; and

WHEREAS, to encourage student creativity at home, parents are urged to display student artwork and to observe and discuss art in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, the Ohio Arts Council funds and supports arts experiences in Ohio communities and works with partners, such as the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, schools, and state agencies to ensure that arts are an integral part of education; and

WHEREAS, arts education teachers are licensed educators contributing to the complete education of Ohio's children; and

WHEREAS, throughout March, teachers of the arts are asked to connect with others outside their classroom to advocate for their arts programs, and Ohioans are encouraged to recognize and enjoy the contribution and talents of student artists throughout the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

ARTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS MONTH

on this 1st day of March 2024.

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The Governor's Proclamation for Arts Education and our accompanying voices

For the second year in a row, the Governor's office has issued a **proclamation (attached at the bottom of this article)** declaring **"**March is, **Arts Education in Schools Month",** which you can **share on your social media, websites, printed programs, with administrators, parents, students, etc. Please share this advocacy tool wherever you can".**

What else can you do? Here are quick suggestions:

- **Write notes of appreciation to** your school board or administrators. Thank them for supporting the proclamation-resolution, your arts programs, and relevant arts endeavors
- **Send emails to** school administrators, parents, local news outlets that **highlight successful accomplishments** of your arts program
- **Plan a small performance or exhibit** at a school board meeting or other district events
- **Submit a celebratory arts project** for publication in a news outlet
- **Include data/facts that support arts education** in programs for concerts and exhibits, and in your general communications (some data resources below).
- **Announce arts advocacy facts** to daily school announcements, newspapers and submit for digital/social media postings

- **Help students advocate** for their arts programs and share their stories about the positive impact arts have in their lives.

These comprehensive resources supporting arts advocacy will bring smiles:

Arts Education Data Project
https://oaae.net/ohio-arts-education-data-project

Benefits of Arts Education for K-12 Students
https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/articles/the-benefits-of-arts-education-for-k-12-students

Music In Our Schools Month
https://nafme.org/programs/miosm/

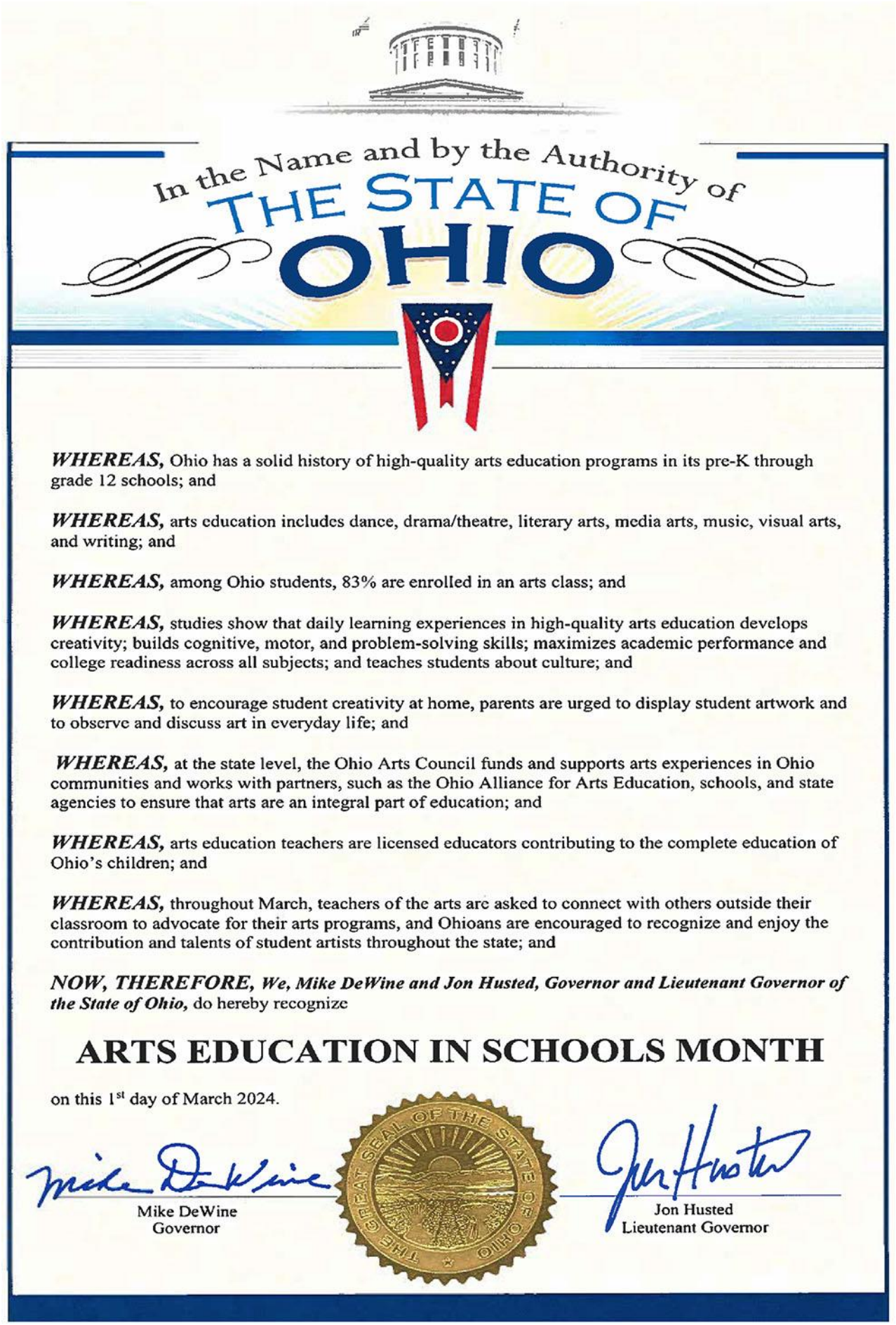
Theatre In Our Schools Month
https://schooltheatre.org/programs/tios/

Youth Art Month
https://councilforarteducation.org/youth-art-month/

10 Reasons Why the Arts are Important (include advocacy information in programs, websites, social media, etc.)
https://www.senecaacademy.org/10-reasons-why-integrating-art-is-important-in-school/

15 Quotes About Arts Education, Creativity...
https://www.craiginzana.com/blog/inspirational-quotes-about-art-education

1. Working in the arts helps learners to develop creative problem-solving skills.
2. Teaching through the arts can simplify difficult concepts visually, and make them easier to understand.
3. Art instruction helps children develop motor skills, language skills, social skills, risk-taking skills decision-making, and inventiveness.
4. Visual arts teach color, layout, perspective, and balance: all necessary to create successful presentations of academic and professional work.
5. Integrating art with other disciplines reaches students who might not otherwise be engaged in classwork.
6. Arts experiences boost critical thinking, teaching students to take the time to be more thoughtful and thorough in their observations and perspecives of the world.
7. The arts provide challenges for learners at all levels.
8. Art education connects students with their own culture and with the wider world.
9. A report by Americans for the Arts states that young people who participate regularly in the arts (three hours a day, three days each week through one full year) are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, to participate in a math and science fair, or to win an award for writing an essay or poem than children who do not participate.
10. A study of Missouri public schools in 2010 found that greater arts education led to fewer disciplinary infractions and higher attendance, graduation rates, and test scores.



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