

**RESOLUTION 2021-7  
Arts Month  
October 2020**

Whereas, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades:

Whereas arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students;

Whereas arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom;

Whereas to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully use words, images, sounds, and movement to communicate;

Whereas when schools and communities deliver high quality learning opportunities in, through, and about the arts for children, extraordinary results occur;

Whereas arts education has a demonstrated ability to increase attendance rates, graduation rates, and student achievement, especially for at-risk students;

Whereas attracting and retaining the best teachers is vital and can be achieved by ensuring that schools embrace the arts, becoming havens for creativity and innovation; and

Whereas art is integral to the lives of every American and essential to the health and vitality of the Pikes Peak Region and of the Nation; now, therefore, be it

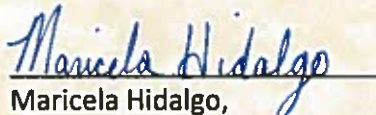
*Resolved*, that the Colorado Springs District 11 Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as an essential part of a classic, well-rounded, strong academic education; and

*Be It Further Resolved* that the Board of Education supports the designation of October 2020 as Arts Month and calls on all District employees and families to observe the month with appropriate activities throughout the Pikes Peak Region and School District 11.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have unto set our hands and caused the official seal of said Colorado Springs School District 11 to be hereunto affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2020.

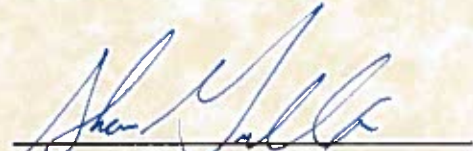


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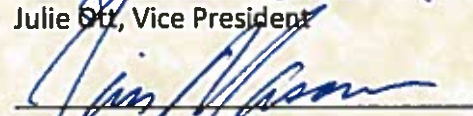
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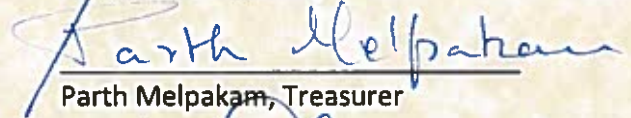
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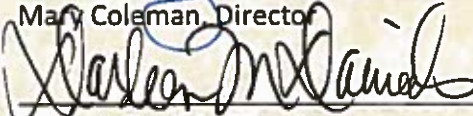
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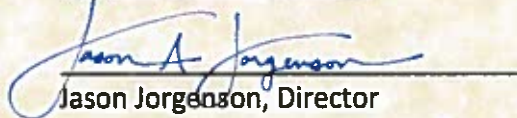
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