

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2020-22:

RECOGNIZING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

WHEREAS, the National Association for Music Education's annual celebration, *Music in Our Schools Month*, designates and celebrates each March as a time when music educators, students, and the community engage in promoting the benefits of high quality music education programs, and music education becomes the focus in our community and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has included a specific and separate mention of music, as part of a well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, music educators in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District are committed to maintaining and improving school music programs for all students regardless of their socioeconomic status or their abilities; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment, and our music education programs include a broad range of types of music groups and active musical experiences; and


WHEREAS, the study of music is basic to a well-rounded education, engages students in individual and group activities, develops creativity, teaches problem solving, and develops critical and evaluative skills; and

WHEREAS, research has documented that participation in school music also promotes cognitive, social, and emotional development, exercising skills valuable to the workforce such as motivation, attentiveness, self-discipline, team-work, persistence, empathy, respect, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the district's vision statement includes preparing every student to contribute to society as a competent, confident, caring, and curious citizen;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education designates March 2020, as *Music in Our Schools Month* throughout the district and community and encourages students, parents, staff, and community members to participate in music and the arts throughout the year.

Passed and Approved: February 18, 2020



Wendy Dominique, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:



Sharon Tuttle
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

