

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2021-17:

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, this year's theme, "*Music: The Sound of My Heart*" seems appropriate as we continue to move forward in these uncertain times, and where music has certainly helped many get through the past year when the pressures and restrictions have seemed and may continue to seem impossible – focus on finding ways to make music – alone and safely with others; 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, Fairbanks music educators are even more steadfast in their commitment to continue to provide students virtual and safe in-person access to lessons, group performances, music competitions, and more through creative and innovative means; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of in-person and remote school environments, 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 participation in school music also promotes cognitive, social, and emotional development, as well as 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 2021, as *Music in Our Schools Month* throughout the district and community, and encourages students, parents, staff, and community members to participate in-person as safe to do so and virtually as available, in music and the arts throughout the month and entire year.

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Timothy P. Doran, President
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ATTEST:



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