

Proclamation

By the School Board of the City of Norfolk

In Recognition of Art in Education Week

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Norfolk recognizes that arts education, including dance, drama, music, and visual arts, is an essential part of basic education for all students, providing a balanced education that aids in developing full potential; and,

WHEREAS, the arts enrich the lives of children in the City of Norfolk, the Commonwealth and throughout the country by developing creative ability, self-expression, self-reflection, cognitive skills, discipline, a heightened appreciation of beauty, and cross-cultural understanding; and,

WHEREAS, many national and state professional education associations hold celebrations in the month of September, focused on students' participation in the arts; and,

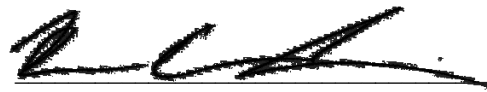
WHEREAS, these celebrations give Norfolk City Public Schools a unique opportunity to focus on the value of the arts for all students, to foster cross-cultural understanding, to recognize the district's outstanding young artists, to focus on careers in the arts available to Virginia students, and to enhance public support for this important part of their curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, the fine arts are a significant component of students' educational development, teaching them the language and production of the arts, and helping them understand the role of the arts in civilizations, both past and present;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School Board of the City of Norfolk hereby proclaims September 11-17, 2016 as "ART IN EDUCATION WEEK" and encourage all citizens to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.


Janelle L. Banks, Clerk of the Board




Mr. Rodney A. Jordan, Chairman


Dr. Melinda J. Boone, Superintendent