



## WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### **Proclamation: The Arts ARE Education**

Whereas all students have the right to an arts education that includes dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts taught by certified arts educators, in partnership with community providers.

Whereas arts education has the power to change students' lives.

Whereas arts education is a key to re-igniting students' learning in a post-COVID-19 world.

Whereas arts education helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected.

Whereas arts education experiences help students understand their own cultural roots and appreciate others' cultural roots and traditions.

Whereas arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of students and fosters a more positive, safer school environment.

Whereas arts education is part of the well-rounded education for every student as outlined in Every Student Succeeds Act and in state law.

Therefore, the Wake County Board of Education proclaims support to maintain and grow our arts education programs in the 2021-22 school year and beyond.