

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
2012-2015 ARTS EDUCATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that every student deserves to receive a comprehensive and sequential study of every art form, including visual art, music, dance, and drama from pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade;

**WHEREAS**, the arts are recognized as a vital element of a 21<sup>st</sup> century education, with research showing that appropriate and effective arts education significantly decreases dropout rates, improves the likelihood of

entering college, increases civic engagement, and ultimately promotes financial success throughout a person's lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, national research indicates that a substantial arts education stimulates innovation, communication, creativity, and critical thinking skills;

