

**Alameda County Board of Education
and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools**

Resolution No. 1914

Creating Solutions for the World We Share

WHEREAS, we believe the core value and purpose of the public education system is to build a healthy and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, a complete education uses a broad range of curriculum to engage children directly in their learning and build high-order skills that will serve them throughout their lives, including communication, creativity, innovation, self-discipline, persistence, problem solving, critical thought, confidence and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, research shows students are best prepared for success in school and in life through a comprehensive education that integrates academic development with growth in critical thought and other necessary life skills; and

WHEREAS, arts-learning strategies help teachers to recognize and draw out the critical capacity, curiosity, creativity, social connectedness and flexibility of their students' minds, all of which are recognized as key skills and traits required to succeed in the job marketplace of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, each March local schools, school districts and community arts organizations participate in Art IS Education! through which teachers and students share with their communities what they are learning in and through the arts; and

WHEREAS, these performances and exhibitions are an opportunity for students to share their artwork and performances with parents and their school communities, and to demonstrate ways youth deepen their understanding of the natural and social ecologies in which we live and use their creativity to contribute to a healthy future; and

WHEREAS, ACOE has partnered with the Alameda County Arts Commission, the Alameda County Library system, the Alameda County Sustainability Program, and the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit Authority ("AC Transit") to promote this year's theme – "Creating Solutions for the World We Share" – and to envision and demonstrate a full and complete public education where all students learn to take care of ourselves, each other and the planet through the arts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alameda County Board of Education and Alameda County Superintendent of Schools have taken a leadership role by convening Art IS Education 2011, celebrating a full decade of arts learning leadership and program expansion in Alameda County, involving all eighteen local school districts, and arts organizations, universities, parents, corporate and civic groups, in demonstrations of arts-learning to advance equitable opportunities for every child, in every school every day.

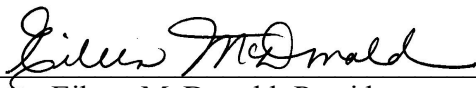
PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2011.

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Eileen McDonald, President
Alameda County Board of Education



Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
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