



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

NO: 20-104

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUITY IN ARTS EDUCATION JANUARY 2020

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools acknowledges that arts education – which includes dance, music, theatre, and visual arts – is an essential part of a comprehensive education for all students, pre-K-12, to prepare them for college, career and life, and;

WHEREAS, arts education promotes critical thinking and problem-solving skills, supports overall academic achievement, and nurtures skills that help all students in Broward County Public Schools succeed in school and in life, and;

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools commits to continue to provide access to participation and success in arts education to all students regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status, and;

WHEREAS, we do adopt this resolution as follows:

1. Students have the right to equitable access to a pre-K-12 sequential standards-based arts education that is part of the core curriculum and that provides visual and performing arts learning opportunities; and the right to equitable outcomes as a result of this access.

Every student in Broward County Public Schools has the right to participate and succeed in high-quality courses in all the arts disciplines as part of their complete education

2. The right to arts education that is culturally and linguistically responsive and relevant to all student populations and to present information without bias.

All students have the right to engage in arts education that reflects, respects and builds on cultures, languages and diverse backgrounds.

3. The right to arts education programs in every school that is funded and supported with the necessary resources – including but not limited to certified teachers; adequate materials; and appropriate facilities.

All students have the right to receive the resources they need to be successful in their arts studies in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, including the right supplies and facilities and especially qualified teachers and standards-based curriculum.

4. The right for all students to be supported by leaders in their school and community who understand the benefits of an arts education to prepare them for college, career and life and who protect equity as essential to the full development of every student.

All students have the right to learn and practice the arts in a positive environment where everyone understands and acts on the knowledge that they are engaging in valuable and important work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby recognizes the powerful impact that arts education has in the cognitive and social development of students and its role as an essential component of a comprehensive and complete education.

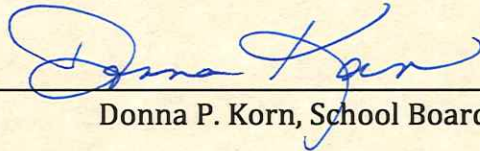
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Broward County Public Schools adopts this resolution and commits to continue to taking the following actions:

- *Ask all staff members to encourage students to participate in visual and performing arts courses that will help promote academic achievement, express creativity and support social development.*
- *Dedicate appropriate resources – such as utilizing academic materials that align with state standards, creating or adding staff positions and providing suitable facilities that allow our students to participate in visual and performing arts education.*
- *Promote arts education that honors cultures and languages by developing staff capacities, identifying community resources and creating opportunities for students to contribute to the design of their learning.*

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 14th day of January 2020.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____



Donna P. Korn, School Board Chair

ATTEST: _____



Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools