

**RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR MUSIC
AND OTHER FINE ARTS PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution expresses support for fine arts programs in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses support of music and other fine arts program funding in public schools;

and

- ▶ encourages schools to make music and other fine arts programs available to

students.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, involvement in music and the fine arts can have a tremendous impact for good in the life and development of youth;

WHEREAS, research has shown that there is a clear link between music and the acceleration of student learning;

WHEREAS, music and other fine arts provide students with an important balance in their education and enhance the learning environment;

WHEREAS, even with new graduation requirements, it is still possible for students to have music and fine arts courses in their curriculum;

WHEREAS, Utah schools should make music and fine arts programs available to their students so that they may experience learning through a greater variety of methods; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature supports funding for music and other fine arts programs in public schools as a means to provide greater learning opportunities for the youth of the state of Utah:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah expresses its support for the continuation of music and other fine arts program funding in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages schools to make music and fine arts programs available to Utah's students and to encourage students to make time available in their class schedules for music and other fine arts programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of Utah's 40 local school boards and superintendents for distribution to each public school, the State Board of Education, and the State Office of Education.