
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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OCTOBER 30, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the broad benefits of music education in the schools
2 of this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, According to the National Association for Music
4 Education, every child requires music education; and

5 WHEREAS, Music study and performance enriches the social,
6 developmental and cultural experiences of all students for whom
7 school music programs with qualified teachers are available; and

8 WHEREAS, Students in high-quality school music programs score
9 higher on standardized tests, regardless of the socioeconomic
10 status of their school or school district; and

11 WHEREAS, Children with music training have significantly
12 better verbal memory than other students; and

13 WHEREAS, Secondary students participating in band or
14 orchestra are less likely than other students to abuse drugs or

1 alcohol; and

2 WHEREAS, Choral singers are more likely than other students
3 to contribute to charity work as volunteers or donors; and

4 WHEREAS, The skills and discipline students acquire through
5 music study are valuable in meeting the challenges of the school
6 environment and in lifelong learning; and

7 WHEREAS, The skills and discipline students acquire through
8 music study are crucial to the productivity and competitiveness
9 of our nation's work force; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins the Pennsylvania
11 Music Educators Association in full support of strengthening
12 music education in our schools and communities; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 broad benefits of music education in the schools of this
15 Commonwealth.