
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 454 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY JAMES, BRIGGS, BIZZARRO, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE,
DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, HARKINS, HENNESSEY,
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OBERLANDER, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, RYAN,
SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, THOMAS, WILLIAMS, SAINATO, KORTZ,
SCHLOSSBERG, MENTZER, CIRESI, HEFFLEY, O'MARA, EVERETT,
SCHWEYER, SCHLEGEL CULVER AND POLINCHOCK, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as "Arts
2 in Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arts education, comprising a rich array of
4 disciplines including dance, media arts, music theater, visual
5 arts and more, is a core academic subject and an essential
6 element of a complete and well-rounded education for all
7 students; and

8 WHEREAS, Arts education enables students to develop critical
9 thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity,
10 discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate
11 and express feelings and ideas and cross-cultural understanding,
12 which supports academic success across the curriculum; and

13 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to increased attendance
14 and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement and prepares
15 students for college, career and citizenship readiness; and

1 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to personal growth
2 outside of the classroom, including increasing a student's
3 likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism
4 and community engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, To succeed in today's economy, students must
6 masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a
7 21st century workforce such as communicating through words,
8 images, sounds and movement; and

9 WHEREAS, There is widespread concern that high-stakes
10 testing, accountability measures for educators and reduced
11 funding are leading to the reduction of access to arts education
12 for students in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, The arts are an integral part of life in the United
14 States and this Commonwealth and an integral part of a complete
15 education which contributes to the vibrancy of communities and
16 the nation; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 week of September 8 through 14, 2019, as "Arts in Education
19 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on all
21 residents of this Commonwealth to observe "Arts in Education
22 Week" with appropriate activities.