



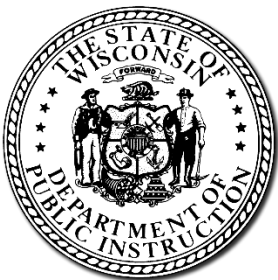
# Proclamation

**BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

## **Music, Art, Dance, and Theatre in Our Schools Month**

- WHEREAS: The National Association for Music Education has designated March as Music in Our Schools Month; and
- WHEREAS: The National Art Education Association has designated March as Youth Art Month; and
- WHEREAS: The National Dance Education Organization, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, recognizes Dance in Your Schools Month each March; and
- WHEREAS: The Educational Theatre Association, the International Thespian Society, and the American Alliance for Theatre and Education celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Month each March; and
- WHEREAS: Music, art, dance, and theatre are defined as part of a well-rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act and all are part of a comprehensive education that engages students in concepts and experiences developed through sensory awareness, aesthetic discernment, skill development, artistic literacy, creative expression, and performance; and
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare March as Music, Art, Dance, and Theatre in Our Schools Month and encourage students, educators, family members, and all community members to celebrate music, art, dance, and theatre and the benefits the arts bring to all students.

**Proclaimed the month of March 1-31, 2026**



Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

