

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: FINE ARTS

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1k Our students will actively participate in expanded *fine arts* programs.

“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic...music, dance, painting, and theater are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.”

~William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education.

Background:

The arts are key for many students' joyful engagement in inquiry, Core Competency development, and sense of community. The BC Arts Curriculum states: *The Arts Education curriculum strives to encourage students' artful habits of mind through engaged arts learning. The curriculum includes a general arts program, as well as four core discipline-specific programs – dance, drama, music, and visual arts – that capture the language, activities, and experiences unique to each of those disciplines.* The district Fine Arts Committee is beginning its exploration of marrying the curriculum with the talents of our staff and the unique opportunities possible on the Sunshine Coast and beyond.

Discussion:

The Education Committee reviewed the BC Arts Curriculum which considers:

- Self-expression
- Understanding of identity
- Connection with artists
- Art processes
- Artwork
- Arts learning in students' own community
- First Peoples Principles of Learning
- Diversity in the Arts
- Lifelong learning
- Options for in-depth study for Grades 10 to 12
- Know-Do-Understand model of learning
- Core Competencies in the arts
- Emotional Safety
- Working with the arts community

Next Steps:

The District Fine Arts Committee has reviewed the curriculum as outlined above and is developing a three-year vision and plan to move students' Arts learning forward. Themes of the discussion included:

- Connection to Indigenous Communities
- How to infuse creativity in our learning together
- Emotional Safety to try boldly to, "Dance like no one is watching"
- Celebrating the Arts broadly