

March XX, 2019

Dear (Honorable Name of [Representative/ Senator XXXX](#)) ([federal legislators](#))

I would like to invite you to celebrate the rich skills and competencies learned through arts education. March is nationally designated as [Youth Arts Month](#), and Governor Sununu has signed proclamations recognizing this in NH. The arts are a core subject in NH K-12 education and are essential to a well-rounded education. **I am a (teacher, citizen, parent, educator, administrator) in (town).**

Today's workforce [communicates and excels](#) through the competencies learned in the arts. **Our New Hampshire students learn collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking through** dance, music, theatre, visual arts, media production, and creative writing. That is why I believe **STEM is better with STEAM**. [Research](#) has repeatedly demonstrated that students who are engaged academically in the arts show higher achievement by almost every measure, including higher test scores and greater social and emotional learning.

We would be honored to have you attend and give a welcome at:

- XXX LOCAL EVENT

Our students will also be represented in at statewide Youth Arts Month events:

- XXXX STATEWIDE EVENT (contact NHartslearning@gmail.com if you are unsure)

In my (classroom, nonprofit, school), *(share a short personal story about the positive impact of arts education in your region. Be specific about the town. Full letter should not exceed 1 page.)*

We look forward to celebrating Youth Arts Month with you, and we hope to see you at XXX LOCAL EVENT. **You can also see examples of student art work in a special exhibit in the tunnel between the State House and the Legislative Office Building during the month of March.**

Thank you for your leadership and service to our region,

(Your name)

Town