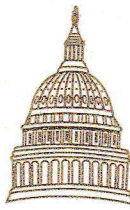


MARK R. WARNER
VIRGINIA



UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 1, 2016

Dear Art Educators of Virginia,

I am pleased to join with the Virginia Art Education Association in recognizing March as Youth Art Month.

Educating the youth of America is both exciting and challenging. As art educators, you have risen to this challenge with enthusiasm and creativity. You give young people the ability to see the world differently. You raise questions that allow your students to creatively problem-solve and critically think. The arts can open our minds to give us the freedom to think and dream and sense, and this often proves invaluable. The impact that you have made on our children through art education will help to shape their lives as well as the lives of their families and friends.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your families, friends, and community in celebrating Youth Art Month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator