

Dear (Insert Name),

My name is (Your Name) and I am a (Your Grade) at (Your School) in (Your City), Texas. I currently serve as a Thespian Officer for my school troupe, which is a part of the Texas Thespians Chapter of The International Thespian Society. I am reaching out to you on behalf of this organization to discuss an opportunity regarding a way you can personally support the arts in Texas.

The International Thespian Society is an affiliate of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) and is a high school honor society that recognizes students in theatre. As a Thespian Officer on my campus, I work as a student leader for my troupe. Our troupe participates and plans several community service projects, socials, performances, and much more. Our troupe believes in the power of educational theatre and this year, we planned a goal for theatre advocacy. We wish to have March declared as Theatre In Our Schools Month, a national campaign in support of theatre education. This would raise awareness about the many diverse benefits of theatre education. For instance, did you know that according to The College Board, "In 2015, students who took four years of arts classes in high school scored an average of 92 points higher on their SATs than students who took only one-half year or less?" In order to help with this goal, we respectfully ask you to consider signing a public proclamation stating that you support the arts and arts education in Texas.

Texas Thespians believes that increased awareness of arts education will encourage further advocacy on behalf of the arts in our schools, resulting in positive change for students throughout Texas in everything that they participate in, including academic achievement. So, on behalf of our campus Thespian Troupe, I would like to request to meet with you, and district leadership, to discuss the opportunity to declare Theatre In Our Schools Month further.

Best Regards,

(Your Name)

(Your School) Thespian Officer

(Your Position)