

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 330**

Introduced by Erdman, 47.

WHEREAS, Bridgeport Public Schools is one of only two schools in the State of Nebraska to be formally recognized and honored by Nebraskans for the Arts in 2024 for its outstanding and high quality arts education programs for all kindergarten through twelfth grade students, including general music, vocal music, instrumental music, visual arts, speech, theater, and digital media arts; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' vocal music program has earned gold ratings in choir competitions, gold in show choir competitions, superior ratings and consistent Outstanding Performance awards at the District Music Contest, and students are regularly selected for All-State Chorus and honor choirs; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' instrumental music program promotes the sixth grade pep band for character assemblies, performs in Class C All-State selections, and has earned superior ratings at the District Music Contest; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' kindergarten through sixth grade music department has implemented a new ukulele program; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' visual arts program has been a consistent category winner at multiple art display shows including: The West Nebraska Art Center's Visionaries show and the Western Nebraska Community College show; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' speech team has been consistent meet champions including at the Western Trails Conference, and most of the team's members competed at the Nebraska School Activities Association's State championships in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' theater program has been a consistent conference champion and for many years has qualified for the Nebraska School Activities Association's State championships for Play Production; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport Public Schools continues to fund the Missoula Children's Theater for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, which is an annual highlight in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgeport Public Schools' digital marketing program has created professional-level sports reels for the school district's website and streaming platform as well as commercials shown at games; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeport Public Schools' outstanding arts and music education programs deserve honor and recognition for the support they give students and families in education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature celebrates the outstanding achievements in the fine arts and in the performing arts of the students of the Bridgeport Public Schools.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to George Schlothauer, Superintendent of the Bridgeport Public Schools; Jason Blanco, Principal of the Bridgeport High School; James Simmons, Principal of the Bridgeport Elementary School; and Dr. Lance Nielsen, Executive Director of Nebraskans for the Arts.