

Submission on Music Education

Hi, my name is Natalya Vagner and I am a qualified music teacher with Master Degree in Music.

I have been lucky to be able to teach Music in classroom for the last 8 years at Primary Schools. But, unfortunately my positions had to be cut because of the lack of financial support at schools. It happened at first school where I worked for 5 years and then at second school.

It's really disappointing that Music is a first subject to be cut when school is under financial pressure.

Music should be a part of the curriculum as a continuous, sequential and developmental for students to benefit. No less important as mathematics or literature or sport. Music develops left and right parts of the brain and stimulates it to learn other subjects better.

Music brings joy to your classroom and students can feel successful and inspired.

We all know that Music contributes to the whole development of a child and shapes the mind, soul and spirit of a child. So, why are we ignoring the music subject at schools? At Public school %75 of students are missing out on music education, while private schools get it right.%88 of students in private schools get music education.

If we don't value arts and music at Primary schools we can't expect children to be imaginative, creative and spirited human beings. Music education is essential in child development and contributes directly to high level of listening, concentration and ability to work across several skills.

I am very passionate about music education at Primary schools and would love to see it soon as a part of the school curriculum.

Sincerely

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