Congressman supports teaching music and other arts in schools

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Washington, D.C. - Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Palm Harbor) today issued the following statement on the importance of music in education:

"Education is the key to the future progress and prosperity of this country. While reading, writing, and arithmetic form the foundation for that education, the role that music and other arts play in developing our children's minds is crucial.

"As a proud parent of children who are actively involved in music, I have seen first-hand the significant impact this art form has played, not only in their education, but their lives. I encourage all parents and educators to help our nation's youth experience the joy of music and all it has to offer."

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