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JOSÉ M. SERRANO  
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Dear Legislator,

It is my pleasure to inform you that artwork by students from your district has been selected to be in the 31st Annual NYSATA Legislative Student Art Exhibition. The Legislative Exhibit is the flagship event for Youth Art Month, celebrating the visual arts, encouraging support for quality art programs and promoting art material safety.

The New York State Art Teachers Association in partnership with NYSUT and in collaboration with our New York State Legislators organizes this exhibit annually. The goals of the exhibit are to showcase art programs and to give talented student artists grades k-12 an opportunity to receive statewide recognition.

The academic of art is a critical component of a child's education. Skills developed through visual arts experiences are unlike any other academic subjects and include promoting problem-solving, creativity, observation and communication. The visual arts are also a therapeutic resource for releasing stress and an excellent means of self-expression for students.

For the safety of all during the COVID 19 Pandemic, the Legislative Student Art Exhibit will remain 100% virtual through 2021. The NYSATA Board of Trustees invites you to view the virtual display on the NYSATA.org website starting March 4, 2021 and through 2021 calendar year. You are also welcome to contact participating art teachers, to deliver letters acknowledging the artworks of specific students within your district.

<https://www.nysata.org/legislative-exhibit>

Thank you for appreciating the academic of art as a critical component of a child's education and for supporting quality visual arts programs throughout NYS school districts.

Carol Ann Pinkans  
Legislative Student Art Exhibit Chairperson  
NYSATA Board of Trustees