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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Hershel Lyons
DATE: September 14, 2018
SUBJECT: 2019 Art in the Capitol Competition

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The Art in the Capitol Competition, section 1003.49965, Florida Statutes, is a statewide visual arts competition that requires each school district to annually hold an art competition for all students in grades 6 through 8 attending public schools, private schools and home schools in Florida. The artwork should be judged by a selection committee consisting of art teachers whose students have not submitted work for the competition.

Artwork Parameters:

- All work submitted must be two-dimensional.
- All work submitted must weigh less than 15 pounds and not exceed 28"x28"x4."
- All work submitted must be original in concept, design and execution.
- All work submitted must not violate any copyright laws.
- All work submitted must include student's name, grade, school and city in which the school is located.

The winning selection from each district is to be given to the legislator of the district in which the student resides no later than 60 days prior to the start of the regular legislative session. The 2019 Legislative Session begins on March 5, 2019.

The Department of Management Services (DMS) will receive and display the winning artwork and will serve as the point of contact to answer questions regarding the submission of art. Kim Vickery is the point of contact at DMS and can be reached at either Kimberly.Vickery@dms.myflorida.com or 850-487-9928.

DMS will coordinate the installation of each art piece and add information to the DMS website indicating the artist's name, school, name of the artwork (if provided), legislator's name and the location where the art is hanging.

DMS will return all art to the appropriate legislator during the last week of legislative session. Legislators will be responsible for returning the artwork back to the student after session.

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Dates for the 2019 Art in the Capitol Competition:

- **Fall 2018** – Districts hold annual Art in the Capitol Competition for all students in grades 6-8.
- **January 4, 2019** – Each district's winning selection of student artwork is given to legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides prior to or before this date.
- **March 5, 2019** – Start of regular session and opening date of exhibit at the Capitol.
- **May 3, 2019** – Last day of regular session; legislator will return winning submission to the student after this date.

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cc: Florida House and Senate Members
School District Principals
School District Fine Arts Supervisors
Florida Teachers