MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents  
FROM: Jacob Oliva  
DATE: August 19, 2022  

SUBJECT: 2023 Art in the Capitol Competition

The Art in the Capitol Competition, authorized by 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.

All artwork submitted for the Art in the Capitol must:
- not violate copyright laws;
- be original in concept, design and execution;
- be two-dimensional;
- not exceed 28 inches wide by 28 inches long by 4 inches thick; and
- include student’s name, grade, school and city in which the school is located.

Each winning submission shall be provided to the legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides no later than 60 days before the start of each regular legislative session. The 2023 Legislative Session begins on March 7, 2023.

The legislator shall provide the winning submission to the Department of Management Services (DMS). DMS will receive and display the winning artwork, as well as serve as the point of contact to answer questions regarding the submission. Ashley Collins from DMS can be contacted at Ashley.Collins@dms.fl.gov or 850-487-9928.

Please view the DMS website at https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/real_estate_development_and_management/art_in_the_capitol_competition for more details about the installation of each art piece. DMS will return all art to the appropriate legislator during the last week of the legislative session. Legislators will be responsible for returning the artwork to the students after the session concludes.
Dates for the 2023 Art in the Capitol Competition:

- **Fall 2022** – Districts hold annual Art in the Capitol Competition for all students in grades 6-8.
- **January 2023** – 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 7, 2023** – Start of regular session and opening date of exhibit at the Capitol.
- **May 5, 2023** – 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