MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

DATE: September 8, 2023

SUBJECT: 2024 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, charter 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, and be original in concept, design and execution,
- be two-dimensional, and not exceed 28 inches wide by 28 inches long by 4 inches thick,
- weigh less than 15 pounds,
- include a completed student information sheet adhered to the back of the art piece which can be found on the Department of Management Services (DMS) website,
- be framed and include a hook or lip to hang up the art.

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 2024 Legislative Session begins on January 9, 2024. Districts must submit winning artwork to their legislator by November 10, 2023.

The legislator shall provide the winning submission to 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 to answer questions.

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 2024 Art in the Capitol Competition:**

- **Fall 2023** – Districts hold annual Art in the Capitol Competition for all students in grades 6-8.
- **November 10, 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 on this date.
- **January 9, 2024** – Start of regular session and opening date of exhibit at the Capitol.
- **March 8, 2024** – 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
Florida School Principals
School District Fine Arts Supervisors
Florida Teachers