April 2, 2019

Dear Friends,

As you may know, during my former tenure as a member of the US House of Representatives, and since becoming a United States Senator in 1997, I have been co-sponsoring an annual statewide competition with the Rhode Island Art Education Association. I invite you and your students to participate in this year's 2019 High School Arts Competition.

Each year, high schools across Rhode Island are invited to submit one work of art from three different students in their schools who are in the ninth through twelfth grades. Works will be judged by an impartial panel, and awards will be given to first, second, and third prize winners with certificates presented to honorable mention winners. The winning artwork will be on display in my Rhode Island offices for one year and the first place winner will also be featured for one month at the Providence Art Club.

Artwork must be submitted to my Cranston office, located at 1000 Chapel View Boulevard - Suite 290, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019 for judging and inclusion in the exhibit. The artwork will be on display for approximately one week in the Warwick Mall central foyer starting on Monday, May 13, 2019.

A reception for all participating students, their families, teachers and school officials will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Warwick Mall.

Following the exhibit, teachers are asked to pick up their students’ artwork at my Cranston office beginning the afternoon of Monday, May 20, but no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Enclosed you will find an application with a brief set of guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (401) 943-3100 or email Erin Arcand at [erin\_arcand@reed.senate.gov](mailto:erin_arcand@reed.senate.gov). I hope that you consider your school’s participation and promotion of the arts through this worthwhile program.