



March 2026

Dear School Administrator,

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that artwork(s) created by students in your school district have been selected to be part of the 36th Annual New York State Art Teachers Association Legislative Student Art Exhibit.

This annual exhibit is organized by NYSATA in partnership with NYSUT and in collaboration with New York State Senate and Assembly. The goals of the exhibit are to showcase our art programs to our legislators and to give our young artists grades k-12 an opportunity to receive statewide recognition.

The Legislative Student Art Exhibit is also the flagship event for Youth Art Month, celebrating the visual arts, encouraging support for quality visual arts programs and promoting art material safety. This year, the Legislative Exhibit is returning to a live, in-person exhibit!

Exhibit Dates: May 15–22, 2026

Legislative Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Terrace Level, Albany NY

Opening Reception and Ceremony: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

\*Teachers, families & guests are encouraged to book a Meet & Greet with their Legislators before or after the Ceremony

The NYSATA Board of Trustees invites you to celebrate Youth Art Month and view the virtual edition of this exhibit on the NYSATA.org website at <https://www.nysata.org/legislative-exhibit>. The preview virtual exhibit will be concluding Youth Art Month, posting the last week of March 2026 and will remain accessible through the December 2026.

Thank you for appreciating the value of art education as a critical component of a child's education and for supporting quality visual arts programs in your school district.

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NYSATA President 2025-2027

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