



March 2026

Dear Legislator,

It is my pleasure to inform you that artwork by students from your district has been selected to be in the 36th Annual NYSATA Legislative Student Art Exhibition. The Legislative Exhibit is the flagship event for Youth Art Month, celebrating the visual arts, encouraging support for quality art programs and promoting art material safety.

This annual exhibit is organized by NYSATA in partnership with NYSUT and in collaboration with the 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**  
**12-1 PM Art viewing, meet legislators, photos, and catered food.**  
**1-1:30 PM Presentation and proclamation, Hearing Room B**  
**1:30-2 PM Additional art viewing**

*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 posted the last week of March 2026 concluding Youth Art Month and will remain accessible through 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 throughout NYS schools.

Colorfully yours,

Kelly Verdi  
NYSATA President 2025-2027