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Ballston Spa  
Berne-Knox-Westerlo  
Bethlehem  
East Greenbush  
Guilderland  
Ichabod Crane  
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North Colonie  
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Schenectady  
Scotia-Glenville  
Shenendehowa



January 2, 2020

Dear Parents and Students:

**Congratulations!** I am writing to inform you that your child, \_\_\_\_\_, will have his/her artwork on display at the ninth annual *K-8 Empire State Plaza Art Collection Exhibit*. Your child's artwork will be exhibited at the Empire State Plaza from **March 7-21, 2020** on the South Concourse, closest to the Madison Avenue entrance.

This event is a one of a kind, as it is the only Capital Region exhibition for K-8 students. It is an opportunity for students to showcase how their art was inspired by artwork from the Empire State Plaza Collection. The collection consists of 92 works of Abstract Expressionist art displayed both in and around the Plaza. It was established under the direction of former Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller during construction of the Empire State Plaza (1966–1978).

This year's exhibition is representative of over **1,000 works from 15 surrounding Capital Region school districts.**

The K-8 exhibit is being held in conjunction with National Youth Art Month and is sponsored by the NYS Office of General Services, the Capital Area Art Supervisors (CAAS) group and the New York State Art Teacher's Association (NYSATA).

I invite you to join us for a reception honoring participating students on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm** on the South Concourse where there will be a brief presentation and celebration of the exhibit along with our **keynote speaker, \_.**

I hope you will be able to join us for this exciting event. Parking and directions can be found by going to the OGS website: <http://ogs.ny.gov/BU/BA/Parking/Visitor/> Please note that there is a fee for parking.

On behalf of the **(Insert your district name here)** Art Department, thank you for your support to Visual Arts Education.

Sincerely,

Art Specialist  
(School Name)

(District Name)

