April 23, 2020

Eric S. Gordon
Chief Executive Officer
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
1111 Superior Avenue East, Suite 1800
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in each congressional district. The awards program for the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio has been cancelled in order to protect the health and safety of students and their families in light of the ongoing Coronavirus stay at home orders. As classes transitioned online, so has the competition.

I am requesting your assistance with updating your school community about this transition. Enclosed, please find an overview of the Congressional Art Competition that may be placed on your district’s website, newsletters or any other appropriate modes of communication.

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students living in the Eleventh Congressional District. Enclosed you will find a list of the cities and corresponding zip codes that make up the Eleventh Congressional District. Your student must reside within one of the zip codes listed to be eligible to participate. Please review the list carefully. We want to ensure no student’s artwork is deemed ineligible.

The artwork of the overall winner of each participating district will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. Only the Grand Prize artwork will be submitted in a non-digital format. Airfare will be provided for the winner and one family member to fly to Washington D.C. to attend the Congressional Art Competition Reception.

All entries must be original in concept, design and execution. Artwork should be no larger than 20 inches by 16 inches. The accepted mediums are as follows: Paintings, Drawings, Collages, Prints, Mixed Media, Computer-generated art, and Photographs. The deadline for submission of artwork is 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020. A digital file of the entry should be submitted to Esther.Kelsch@mail.house.gov. Please note that only digital submissions will be accepted. If the artwork is not created in a digital medium, your students may submit a photograph of their artwork.

All entries must be accompanied by the Student Information and Release form. Please note that for digital submission of artwork, only one copy of the form is required. The artwork will not be entered if the Student Information and Release form is not included.

If you need further assistance, please contact Esther Kelsch in my Cuyahoga County District Office by email at Esther.Kelsch@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Marcia L. Fudge
Member of Congress