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Dear Teachers and Students,

The 2023 Congressional Art Competition is officially underway for high school students in the Second Congressional District of Florida. The United States House of Representatives sponsors this competition each spring to recognize and honor talented young artists from each congressional district across the country.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 and since then over 650,000 young artists have been involved. The winner's art piece will eventually be shipped to my Washington, DC office and put on display for one year in the United States Capitol building along with artwork from across the country.

This competition is open to all high school students, grades 9-12. For schools that house grades k-12 or 6-12, this competition will be open to grades 7-12. There is no specific theme for this year's competition. Artwork submissions can include paintings, drawings, collages, and photography, among other mediums. Artwork entered in the contest may not exceed 26" x 26" x 4" (including framing) and not weigh more than 15 pounds.

This year's theme is "The Many Faces of Florida's Second Congressional District." This can be human faces, animal faces, etc. I encourage you to think outside of the box.

Students who wish to participate in this competition must submit high resolution photos of their artwork and a signed student release form to the following email address: FL02ArtSubmissions@gmail.com.

The deadline for artwork submission is May 2, 2023, at 11:59PM ET. For full competition guidelines and the student release form, please visit my website at: https://dunn.house.gov/art-competition.

The link to the student release form can also be found by clicking <u>here.</u> The competition guidelines and artwork specifications can be found by clicking <u>here.</u>

Sincerely,

Neal P. Dunn, MD Member of Congress