



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: October 27, 2021  
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads  
Route To: Principals and Art Educators  
From: Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Academics and Performance  
Deadline: Rolling submission through March 31, 2022

## Hope, Healing and Resilience Through the COVID-19 Pandemic Student Art Showcase & Installation Project

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in collaboration with Arts Ed NJ and the Art Educators of New Jersey, is pleased to invite New Jersey students to participate in the “Hope, Healing and Resilience Through the COVID-19 Pandemic” Art Showcase & Installation Project. Students are encouraged to submit one original piece of two-dimensional (2-D) art that conveys a **positive message of hope, healing, and resilience**. Selected artwork will be displayed in a digital student art showcase in spring 2022. The NJDOE also looks forward to enlivening its offices and buildings with pieces exemplifying the hope, healing, and resilience of New Jersey students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

In developing their artwork, students should consider the following guiding questions:

- How have I developed greater hope, healing, or resilience because of the challenges I faced during the pandemic?
- How can I use my art to convey hope, healing, or resilience for the future as I move beyond the challenges I have faced?
- How can I use art to help convey my experiences through the COVID-19 pandemic?

New Jersey students from preschool through 12th grade (ages three through 21) are eligible to submit an art piece. Art may be submitted by students or on their behalf by educators, parents, and guardians. Example media types include painting, drawing, photography, digital design, or other similar 2-D media that do not exceed one inch in depth.

When submitting artwork, there will be step-by-step instructions for uploading your project and the following information and documentation will be required:

- Name;
- Age and grade;
- School;
- Title of artwork;
- Brief description (no more than 100 words);
- Attestation of originality; and
- Permission for release of copy.

More information, including the selection criteria, submission survey, and contact information, can be found at the [“Hope, Healing and Resilience Through the COVID 19 Pandemic”](#) website. Please email [ArtHeals@doe.nj.gov](mailto:ArtHeals@doe.nj.gov) with questions or comments.

We look forward to digitally showcasing artwork from our students throughout the State in 2022.

c: Members, State Board of Education  
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