

February 25, 2011

Dear Art Educator:

I am writing to invite high school students to participate in the 2011 United States Congressional High School Arts Competition "*An Artistic Discovery*". Through their participation, students are encouraged to pursue their creative talents and will have the opportunity to display their artwork at the Seattle Art Museum on **Saturday April 9, 2011**.

Schools across our nation participate in the Congressional Art Competition, which begins at the District level. The deadline to submit entries to my Seattle District office is **Friday, April 1, 2011**. A panel of judges will select a winner and present the awards at a ceremony at the Seattle Art Museum, on **Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 10:00am to 11:00am**. The winning artwork will then be forwarded to Washington DC to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building along with the winners from other Congressional Districts. The winning student will be invited to an Exhibition Opening Celebration in mid June; the date is to be determined in Washington, DC. Southwest Airlines has graciously agreed to donate two round-trip airline tickets for the winner and a parent chaperone to attend the ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

Since its inception in 1982, hundreds of thousands of talented high school students have participated in the Congressional Art Competition. This year I hope that each high school in the Seventh Congressional District will be well represented.

I encourage you to share this information with interested students.

Thank you for your consideration of this remarkable opportunity for your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McDermott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JIM McDERMOTT
Member of Congress