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STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT AT CAPITOL
Annual Event Showcases K-12 Student Artists and Their Teachers

Montgomery, Ala. – More than 514 student artists statewide entered the annual State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit to showcase the artistic talents of Alabama’s public school students in Grades K-12. The annual exhibit is on display February 6-20 in the Old Supreme Court Library, State Capitol, 600 Dexter Avenue.

Best of Show winners are:
- “Aboriginal Koi” Taylor Stafford, 8th Grade, Chelsea Middle School, Shelby County
- “Self Portrait” Joy Kim, 10th Grade, Chelsea High School, Shelby County

On February 11, the Alabama State Board of Education will honor the student winners and their teachers at the monthly K-12 meeting.

“The arts are an integral part of Plan 2020, as we strive to meet each and every student’s individual academic interests and strengths. It is often through the arts where students find their voice, their passion, and their connection to learning. Our goal is to see the arts alive and well in all of Alabama’s public schools, which is regrettfully not currently the case. The Alabama State Board of Education has made the arts one of its priorities as we move forward,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tommy Bice.

Sponsors of the State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit include the Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Alliance for Arts in Education, Alabama Arts License Tag Grant, and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts.

For more information on the winners, please contact Michelle Hall, Shelby County Schools, at mhall@shelbyed.k12.al.us. For state-level information, contact Andy Meadows, Arts Education Specialist, Instructional Services, Alabama State Department of Education, at ameadows@alsde.edu.

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