



The Rhode Island Alliance for Arts Education Mission is to support all Rhode Island children and youth so they may continue to experience diverse and quality arts learning through Rhode Island schools and communities. RIAAE is the statewide contingent of the national network sponsored by the Kennedy Center to advocate for the Arts as well as show case Student Art in the State of Rhode Island.

January 12, 2017

Dear Superintendent Ricci,

For the past 19 years The Rhode Island Alliance For Arts Education has annually recognized and outstanding school district to represent excellence in Visual Arts learning through the "Gift of Art to the State of Rhode Island." The selected district provides 9 student works of art that best exemplify the K-12 curriculum to become part of the permanent "Gift of Art" collection. These 9 student works you select, 3 from Elementary, 3 from Middle and 3 from High school level in your district will be framed at Providence Picture Frame, paid for by our Alliance and secured, along with past district winners, in the permanent exhibit area for the Rhode Island Gift of Art at the University of Rhode Island Providence campus.

Congratulations on behalf of all the board members of the Alliance for it is our pleasure to announce our selection of the **Chariho Regional School District K-12 Visual Arts Department** to be the statewide representative for the **2017 Gift of Art** to the State of Rhode Island. Our district selection is based on the following criteria.

All K-12 Public School Students Experience:

- Enthusiastic, positive and personalized Learning
- Interdisciplinary curriculum
- A variety of creative resources
- Qualified and Dedicated Leadership
- And explore a wide variety of activities with diverse solutions

We hope you all take great pride in this achievement and ask that you forward this award letter on to your Visual Arts Teachers and appoint a designee to contact us for further procedural information, at riafaie@gmail.com or call 401-578-3033.

For your planning, we will need to receive the 9 selected student artworks by **April 1, 2016** for framing. Our recognition ceremony is scheduled for **6:30 PM, May 18, 2017** at the URI campus located at 80 Washington Street as part of the PS2017 Statewide School Exhibit (May1-26). At our recognition ceremony we will acknowledge your district's award, as well as recognize the administration, teachers, parents and students. We will display the framed work of your selected nine students and award them with a certificate of appreciation for their "Gift of Art" to the State of Rhode.

Once Again Congratulations on behalf of all the Board Members of the Alliance.

Sincerely,

RIA AE Chairman
Lucille Mota Costa

To learn more about this event click here: <http://riafaie.wix.com/allartsallkids#!ps2015/iq3sb>