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## Solano Student Art Showcase to Feature More than 300 Young Artists

**Solano County, CA** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano Student Art Showcase hosted by Solano County Office will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Solano County Fairgrounds, in McCormack Hall, starting at 10:30 a.m. The event is free to the public and will feature artwork from more than 300 young artists from 22 Solano County schools. This year, there are three components of the Solano Student Art Showcase: a performing arts exhibition, a displayed art exhibit and a community health fair.

The Solano Student Art Showcase community health fair will feature 15 local agencies offering interactive booths with services and resources. Food will be available for purchase from local food trucks, and picnic tables will be available. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs to best enjoy the venue and food

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano Student Art Showcase is a partnership between Solano County Office of Education and several community organizations including Fighting Back Partnership, Nature of Sound, Solano County Friday Night Live, Solano County Public Health, Solano Youth Coalition, Vallejo Project, and VIBE Solano.

Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella Henderson remarked, "We are grateful for the partnerships that support us in engaging more than 300 Solano students in displaying their art. This event not only provides a platform for young artists to share their work but also encourages artistic expression, sharing lived experiences, and creative thinking which enriches the cultural fabric of our community."

The goal of the showcase is to recognize young artists and to promote art, mental health and wellness, in addition to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) prevention through art.

For more information about the Solano Student Art Showcase please contact Johanna Nowak-Palmer at inowak@solanocoe.net or Rebecca Floyd at rfloyd@solanocoe.net.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for charter schools and Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 60,300 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.