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THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Elementary Level Principals:

The Connecticut Association of Schools' Elementary Board takes great pleasure in announcing our 23rd ANNUAL ELEMENTARY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS. Our intention this year was to be in-person at the Aqua Turf; however, due to safety concerns with this recent spike of COVID-19 cases, after careful deliberation, we reluctantly made the decision to host a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, from 7-8 pm. Our top priority is making sure all our students and their guests are safe, and we don't want to risk anyone contracting COVID-19 while attending the Celebration of the Arts. So, just like last year, we will have some exciting surprises during the show and we hope you will join us for one of our favorite events! Best of all, now that it is virtual, it is FREE to all member elementary schools. Be on the lookout for a soon-to-be released flyer detailing our speakers and special guests!

Due to the fact that we have limited space on our ZOOM platform, the guest list for "live" attendance will be limited to a total of 8 participants per school. However, the celebration will be recorded and posted for later viewing by family, friends, and members of your school community.

Objective:

The objective of this program is to recognize students at the elementary level who demonstrate outstanding ability in the performing or visual arts and maintain a high level of citizenship and cooperative skills. It is recommended that the students selected for this award be in the highest grade within your elementary school (i.e., $4^{th} - 6^{th}$ grade students).

Registration Procedure:

To participate in this virtual event, you must register via the secure <u>Members Only area</u> of the CAS website. After successfully logging in using your school number and login ID, select the option "View/Submit Celebration of the Arts Banquet Reservation Form" and complete the necessary fields. **Registrations must be received by Monday, February 14, 2022.** As part of this year's event, we will be putting together a video montage of as many of the award winners as possible. You can view last year's Celebration to see the types of pictures schools gave us for the montage at <u>https://casci.ac/7608</u>. If your student-artists are interested in being included, we will need their photos as well as a photo of your school. Image requirements as well as instructions on how to submit photos will be sent to you via email once your registration has been submitted. **We MUST have all photos by February 14, 2022.** Our celebration will be recorded and shared publicly on our website and YouTube Channel. **Please only submit a photo if a parent has expressly consented to its use.**

The Elementary Level Board and the Arts Committee look forward to receiving your reservation and to Zooming with you on March 15, 2022!

If you have questions, please email Cathy Prowe at cprowe@casciac.org.

Sincerely, Dr. RoseAnne O'Brien Vojtek Assistant Executive Director