



---

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
RICHMOND COUNTY

MICHAEL E. MCMAHON  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

130 STUYVESANT PLACE  
STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10301  
TELEPHONE (718) 876-6300

## PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release March 19, 2021

Contact: Ryan Lavis (718) 556-7150  
[Ryan.Lavis@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:Ryan.Lavis@rcda.nyc.gov)

### DA McMahon Announces Fifth Annual “Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying” Art Challenge

Staten Island, N.Y. — Each year, District Attorney Michael E. McMahon hosts the “Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying.” Contest, a way for Staten Island students to express their feelings and experiences with bullying through art and writing. Over the years, thousands of submissions from every school on Staten Island have been sent in, and up until last year, we were able to gather the students for a ceremony and entertainment program about bullying at the College of Staten Island.

**District Attorney Michael E. McMahon said,** “We are excited to celebrate our fifth year of the Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying contest. Through the years we have been able to keep this important conversation going. By encouraging our young people to express their thoughts and feelings we allow them to make an important contribution to the world around them.”

This year will unfortunately be different once again due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This year’s “artistic expression challenge” offers Island students a creative opportunity to tell their stories while expressing their talents, passion, and experiences through an art form that is meaningful to them, including written work, spoken word, skits, artwork, and more. The challenge is open to all Staten Island students from elementary school through high school. Students will now submit their artwork, writing, and video submissions to RCDA electronically, by emailing [Marci.Bishop@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:Marci.Bishop@rcda.nyc.gov).

We are thrilled to announce that at the conclusion of this year’s challenge, we will host a virtual Anti-Bullying Town Hall discussion on April 14, open to all students who participate. An invitation to that event will be sent upon receipt of the students’ submission.

For further information on the contest or to submit entries contact Marci Bishop at [Marci.Bishop@rcda.nyc.gov](mailto:Marci.Bishop@rcda.nyc.gov) or call (718) 876-5716.

###