

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Staff,

This was another difficult week for all of us as we learned about Governor Lamont's decision to continue with distance learning through the end of the school year. While I am certain that this decision is absolutely in the best interest of the health of our entire community, we are all missing our students and being together at school.

I would like to end this week with a positive message that includes all 140 pieces of artwork that were submitted. With social distancing measures in place and so many 'live' events cancelled or postponed, I feel it is important that we re-imagine how these events might take place online. The Arts seems like a perfect place to experiment, both because of our district's incredibly strong programs in the arts, and because we teach our students that as artists, they have to be as flexible and imaginative as possible. Hence the Gallery Walk that you are about to experience. Notice I said *experience*, not *watch*. The artwork on display is an immersive experience that reflects our students' concerns about the pandemic, the human condition, the Earth's well-being, but also their courage, hope, love, and humor. I could not be more proud! I hope this amazing video at <http://openmic.link/bdnx> brings a smile to your face and warms your heart.

Enjoy the weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

Together we can make a difference!

Stay safe and be well,

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