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COVID-19 Writing Competition

Dear Students & Families:

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your interest and participation in the COVID-19 Writing Challenge. What started off as a casual conversation with a neighbor quickly turned into a \$10,000 writing contest with 821 submissions.

It was no easy task to review such unbelievable works of art. Overall, I learned that each of the students who participated share so many common feelings, emotions and interests generally, but especially during this unique period of history in which we are living. I feel privileged to be able to understand the varying perspectives of a young person, and now have a valuable historical record with which I plan to share with our community and with the world.

We were fortunate to have generous people and organizations within our community to sponsor this competition, and I am listing their names below.

Mr. George Burke, Esq.
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City Councilor Brad Croall
Wollaston Hill
Neighborhood Association

Mayor Thomas P. Koch
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City Council President Nina Liang
Quincy Education Association
Montclair Wollaston
Neighborhood Association

On behalf of Mayor Koch, Quincy Public Schools and The Highpoint Foundation, it is with great pleasure to announce the winners of the COVID-19 Writing Competition. I am including more details about the winners on the following page. Again, thank you for your participation, keep feeding those minds and hearts while finding your practice, and stay tuned for the next competition.

Sincerely,

Ian C. Cain
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cc: Hon. Thomas P. Koch, Mayor, City of Quincy, MA
Mr. Kevin Mulvey, Acting Superintendent, Quincy Public Schools



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Winners

High School (Grades 9-12)

Place	Prize	Name	School	Grade	Title
1 st	\$3,000	Dominique Dang	North Quincy High School	9	“Waving Through a Phone Call”
2 nd	\$1,500	Cassandra Gordon	Quincy High School	10	“The Year is 2020”
3 rd	\$500	Dustin Baker	Quincy High School	12	“What We Owe to Eachother”

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Place	Prize	Name	School	Grade	Title
1 st	\$1,500	Kyle Tolini	Atlantic Middle School	8	“The Iron Sword”
2 nd	\$750	Kyra Lee	Central Middle School	8	“Fading Memories”
3 rd	\$250	Ganilo Quintos	Broad Meadows Middle School	8	“A Violent Virus”

Elementary School (Grades K-5)

Place	Prize	Name	School	Grade	Title
1 st	\$1,500	Hunter Wood	South-West Middle School	5	“Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary”
2 nd	\$750	Keertana Uppala	Clifford Marshall Elementary School	4	“A Little Girl’s Story”
3 rd	\$250	Jack Herlihy	Atherton Hough Elementary School	3	“Distance”