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## **SFPS Announces First Round of Winners in “Superintendent’s Challenge”**

**Santa Fe, NM:** SFPS Superintendent, Dr. Veronica C. Garcia today announced the first 14 winners in the “Superintendent’s Challenge,” a contest aimed at motivating students and keeping them engaged while they can’t participate in sports, clubs, and other extra-curricular activities during the state-mandated closure of schools. Hundreds of students have entered the contest, so far, and hundreds more are expected to enter.

“These winners represent just the first round. If students have entered, their project is still eligible, and we encourage students to continue submitting entries!”

The winners of the first round of the SFPS “Superintendent’s Challenge” are:

**Pre-K:** Sofia Perez - Tesuque Elementary (Painting)

**Kindergarten:** Zoey Ortiz - Ramirez Thomas (Freestyle - Video)

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Kenneth Degraeve - Carlos Gilbert Elementary School (Freestyle - Music)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Miquela Chavez - Gonzales Community School (Art using recycled materials)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Armando Houston - Kearny Elementary (Building blocks project)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Dylan Shandler - Carlos Gilbert (Freestyle - Video)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tomas Griego - Chaparral (Legos/Building Blocks)

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jaquelin Dominguez - Ortiz (Art using recycled materials)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Anne Berendzen - Milagro (Freestyle - Digital Animated Art)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Oscar Horn - Academy For Technology & The Classics (Poem)

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Carly Johnson - Santa Fe High School (Freestyle - Art using recycled materials)

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sachi Mitchell - Santa Fe High School (Painting)

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mamie Hess - Santa Fe High School (Drawing)

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sierra Rodriguez - Capital High School (Poem)

Congratulations to each of these students, who will each take home \$100! If you would like to contribute to the "Superintendent's Challenge," please email Joseph West at [jwest@sfps.k12.nm.us](mailto:jwest@sfps.k12.nm.us)

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