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New haiku book shows the many meanings of “change” in eyes of students

Towson, MD —In writing about change – changing seasons, bodies, routines, social issues, and more – Baltimore County Public Schools’ students expressed their fears, but more predominantly their hopes.

Selected haiku written by students for the [2021 Team BCPS Haiku Contest](#) have been compiled into [an online book](#) exploring the theme of change. A panel of 14 judges sorted through 1,649 haiku from 108 schools to pick the top three winners. They also selected another 190 favorites to be included in the book.

Until the pandemic in 2020, each year the favorites were published in a softcover book, which was given to featured students and placed in school libraries. This year (like last year), an online book will make the selected favorites available to everyone. Student artwork complements each section of the book.

Included in the book are the haiku created by the [three winners named in April 2021](#): Aubrey Suljak, Grade 5, Jacksonville Elementary School; Madilyn Senisse, Grade 8, Arbutus Middle School; and Noah Colosino, Grade 10, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology.

"I cannot imagine how the judges select winners and their favorites," BCPS Superintendent Darryl L. Williams said. "The haiku created by our students showcase their intelligence, insight, creativity, and humor. We thank every student who participated, and we recognize the support and encouragement

our student writers receive from their teachers and families. Every year, this contest affirms Team BCPS' strong commitment to literary arts and self-expression."

(Editor's note: An image of the book cover accompanies this release.)

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