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Dear Gandhi Essay Teachers,

Congratulations to you and to all of your students who wrote and submitted essays in this year's ***Tenth Annual Rhode Island 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest 2020***! The Center team and the Gandhi Essay Judging Committee enjoyed reading all 108 essays, which were each evaluated by two judges, and thought that they showed great insight and meaningful connections.

A special congratulations to the students listed below whose essays are recognized as finalists in this year's contest. These students will be invited to attend the online Gandhi Essay Awards Ceremony. **All other students across the state who participated in the essay contest will receive a Certificate of Recognition & Participation**, which will be sent to every teacher in May to forward to your students.

Finalists for 2019-2020:

Student Name	School	Teacher
Anaya, Vanessa	Segue Institute for Learning	Teresa Lauth
Blechman, Tory	Curtis Corner Middle School	Ruby Wildes
Brock, Madeline	Curtis Corner Middle School	Ruby Wildes
Connolly, Natasha	Gordon School	Luke Anderson
Flores, Jessica	Segue Institute for Learning	Teresa Lauth
Hayes, Juliana	Rocky Hill School	Jody Cicchese
Kirkman, Eleanor	Gordon School	Luke Anderson
Mermin, Eva	The Pennfield School	Lori Hawks
Noon, Olivia	St. Rose of Lima	Sarah Powers
Pearson, Hannah	Exeter-West Greenwich Junior High	Gillian Buckler
Pessin, Eitan	Gordon School	Luke Anderson
Pinto, Kiara-Lynn	Segue Institute for Learning	Megan Starr
Rataic, Ava	St. Philip	Serena Burt
Scanapieco, Alessio	Monsignor Clarke School	Rosemarie Comforti
Swain, Issy	The Pennfield School	Lori Hawks
Tanzi Buchbaum, Delia	Quest Montessori School	Auburn Cole
Thiam, Nabou	Good Shepherd Catholic Regional School	Celeste Chudy
Togbay, Benjamin	Portsmouth Middle School	James Murray
Tougas, Ciel	Quest Montessori School	Auburn Cole

A huge thank you and appreciation goes to you, teachers, for your instruction, encouragement, and support of your students as they participated in this exciting statewide event. We hope they all found it to be a meaningful learning experience.

Peacefully,

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Professor & Center Director