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Suffolk County Courts to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County courts will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas on March 5, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in the Supreme Court Ceremonial Courtroom, S-24, located in the Cohalan Court Complex, Central Islip, New York.

In celebration of this landmark decision, students from Northport High School and Central Islip High School will present mock oral arguments on Brown v. Board of Education and other significant Supreme Court cases to highlight the Brown case and related issues of opportunity and equality in American public

education. District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III and the Honorable James C. Hudson will be among the distinguished panel of presiding justices hearing arguments.

As part of the festivities, selected students from Northport High School and Central Islip High School will present original poetry and/or artwork related to the legacy of Brown.

"This is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Brown," said District Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III. "Having these students participate in mock oral arguments on the issues presented in Brown and other cases will enhance their learning experience and allow them to more fully appreciate the importance of Brown and its impact on our nation over the past fifty years."

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