Students will respond to the following words of former U.S. Congressman Norman Y. Mineta:

“...as Americans, regardless of background, we are really more alike than we are different. Each of us has an obligation to stand up for the rights of fellow Americans—not with rancor or bitterness, but with pride and resolution.”

**Student Deadline:** Monday, April 11, 2016

Students are to submit contest entries to an English or an Art teacher at their school site.

**School Deadline:** Monday, April 18, 2016

Each school site is to send their first place winners to District Office c/o Dolores Vargas, Instructional Services

District Grand Prize, First Place and Second Place winners in all categories will attend an award ceremony in their honor on **Friday, May 6, 2016** at the Mt. Pleasant High School Theater.

**Contest Rules:**

All work must be original, not copyrighted.

**Writing Category:** May be an essay or a poem on 8 ½ x 11” white paper. Maximum length: 500 words. A word document of the essay or poem must be electronically submitted to vargasd@esuhsd.org by the department chair along with the reporting form.

**Art Category:** Poster size must be 11x16”. Color, black and white or shades of gray, any flat two dimensional technique, except may not be a digital printout (see Multimedia Category below).

**Multimedia Category:** Teams may not be larger than 2 (prize money shared). The content can be an array of types: stills, live action, animation, etc. Acceptable file types include: .mp4, .mov, jpg, tiff, .wmv. You may also upload your content to YouTube, vimeo, flickr or facebook.

**Contest Prize Categories for Writing, Art and Multimedia**

- Grand prize (District-level) $250
- First Place (per school) $100
- Second Place (per school) $75