

Dear Students,

The Agency for Statehood has been very busy reviewing suggestions for a 51st state. My committee has traveled throughout the United States searching for the best suggestion. I would like to thank you for inviting me to your Kings Park classrooms to view your suggestions for our 51st state. I was very impressed. You thought of everything. Your states had capitals, birds, trees, interesting places and even a state quarter. I liked all of your suggestions but the committee can only pick one. Unfortunately, the committee has decided on a 51st state that was suggested by a student in a different school. We are, however, sending you a thank you gift in the mail. You should be receiving that by the end of the week. I want to congratulate you on your knowledge of your own state, Virginia, and on your creativity in designing a new state.