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Students take part in discussions surrounding the Embracing Our Differences exhibition, which has received a support grant from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. *COURTESY PHOTO*

Embracing Our Differences receives a \$31,000 grant

Embracing Our Differences has received a \$31,000 grant to help fund its EdExploreSRQ initiatives, including curriculum development and virtual field trips to the outdoor exhibit on the Sarasota Bayfront. EdExploreSRQ is a search platform that helps teachers, administrators and parents discover arts, science and cultural programs offered by area organizations for students. More than 20,000 students participated in Embracing Our Differences' EdExploreSRQ programs or

classroom curriculum in the 2019-20 school year. Executive Director Sarah Wertheimer expects a similar number for this school year.

The organization opens its 2021 exhibition on Wednesday in Bayfront Park in Sarasota, featuring 50 billboard-sized works of art accompanied by an inspirational quote. The organization received 15,912 entries this year from 128 countries and 48 states. The exhibit continues through April 1. More information: 941-404-5710; embracingourdifferences.org