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Dear Educator,

The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) is proud to sponsor its 28th annual student poster contest. The theme of this year's contest is, *Using our brains when pouring down the drains.* We would like students to artistically showcase what should and shouldn't go down the drains. These drains can include those in homes, schools, businesses, and the stormdrains on roadways. There is so much that shouldn't be washed down drains, including grease, oil, chemicals, and even food. All of these items cause problems for wastewater treatment facilities. Grease and food can cause blockages, and chemicals and oil are difficult to remove. These items should be disposed of in trash receptacles, or even better may be composted. For more inspiration and ideas, students are encouraged to check out the NBC website at www.narrabay.com

The contest rules are as follows:

- Students must be in grades K-6 and from one of the cities located in the NBC service district which include Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Central Falls, Lincoln, Pawtucket, Cumberland, Cranston, Smithfield and East Providence.
- Posters may be no larger than 11 x 17 and no smaller than 8 ½ x 11.
- Posters must include the student's name, grade, school, home address and phone number on the back.
- Once NBC receives a poster it becomes the property of the Narragansett Bay Commission and will not be returned.
- One winner from each grade receives a $100 cash prize, has his or her poster printed on the NBC's 2022 poster calendar, and has his or her poster displayed at an NBC sponsored gallery show which will be held during a virtual ceremony this year.
- Posters should be mailed to the Narragansett Bay Commission's Public Affairs Office at One Service Road, Providence, RI 02905.
- **THE CONTEST DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021!**

We hope that your school will be able to participate in the contest! For more information please call the NBC's Public Affairs Office at 401-461-8848 ext. 394.

Sincerely,

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