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Dear Principal and Staff of New Hampshire Elementary and Middle Schools:

It is with great pleasure that I am sending you the enclosed poster celebrating New Hampshire Clean Water Week. The two drawings depicted on the poster were created by last year's contest winners, chosen from contributions from our state's elementary and middle school students. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association and the National Education Association of New Hampshire annually sponsor this terrific competition and are proud to announce the kick-off of the 2012-2013 poster competition campaign for Clean Water Week: June 2 – 8, 2013.


I am inviting you to take part in New Hampshire's annual poster contest to celebrate Clean Water Week. It is my hope that this poster will help elevate student awareness about water pollution and encourage entry into this year's contest. The 2012-13 poster competition theme is *Water: The Origin of Life*.

In the last 30 years, great strides have been made in reducing water pollution. Our success can be measured by the clean up of hundreds of miles of rivers, thousands of acres of lakes and the continued excellent water quality that all New Hampshire citizens enjoy. Citizen initiatives and governments at all levels have played a critical role in these achievements. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and The New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association also play a vital role in clean water efforts by promoting public awareness of water quality issues and by encouraging professionalism and education in the pollution control industry.

I hope that you and your students will enjoy participating in the poster contest and, most importantly, will take time to learn about your community's water resources and state and local clean water efforts. Should you have any questions regarding the 2012-13 poster contest or require further information, please contact Geri Ciardelli of the Water Pollution Control Association at (603) 589-3563, or visit the website at nhwpca.org.

Together we can keep our rivers, lakes and waters clean, and ensure clean water for current and future generations of New Hampshire's citizens. Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures