

March 2, 2018

Dear School Administrator:

Attached you will find an invitation for students in your school to participate in the 2019 “Nebraska: Don’t Waste It!” environmental calendar, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. We have also attached a PDF of a poster that shows the winning entries of the 2018 calendar contest. We are looking for drawings that demonstrate the importance of good environmental practices and tips on reducing waste, recycling and protecting Nebraska’s air, land and water.

During the past 13 years that we’ve sponsored the contest, NDEQ has received thousands of impressive entries from students all across the state. In 2017, the agency received over 1,000 entries.

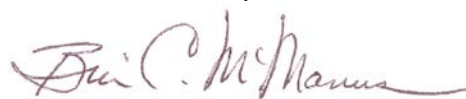
Could you please convey this invitation to any teachers in your school who are looking for a project that involves art and environmental awareness? This is open to students from grades K through 12, and the submission deadline is April 16, 2018.

To view the winning entries from the 2018 calendar, entry forms and other information related to this year’s contest, visit our web site’s calendar contest page at <http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/CalendarContest>. Or, if you would like to order copies of the 2018 calendar, please send a request to ndeq.moreinfo@nebraska.gov.

If you have further questions, please contact either Brian McManus at (402) 471-4223, or Jim Bunstock at (402) 471-4243.

On a separate but related topic, NDEQ would also like to remind schools about the availability of grant funding for public education, recycling programs, playground surfaces, running tracks and other environmental projects. You can more details about our various waste grant programs at <http://deq.ne.gov/NDEQProg.nsf/OnWeb/DistAid>.

Sincerely,



Brian McManus
NDEQ Public Information Officer