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Dear Teachers:

The committee for Integrity Enhancement invites you and your students to participate in our Twenty-seventh annual essay contest. We are looking forward to another record-setting year in our efforts and hope that you will be part of it.

The Committee is very aware of your vital role in the success of the contest as you direct your students in this writing experience. We request your help in encouraging them to write this year on the subject of integrity in regard to this year's theme. In today's world, it is often difficult to make the choices that exhibit integrity. We appreciate any time you will spend in influencing your students to think about how to develop integrity that reflects positively as a character trait in their life. This year's topic focuses on how they may reflect integrity through their positive relationships in their everyday experiences. We encourage them to give examples of how they are doing this!

Last year, over 1,200 area students entered this contest. We hope to exceed last year's numbers and we thank you in advance for partnering with us in this endeavor. If you have any questions about the contest, please call Joe Schmaltz at 760-3345 or e-mail Joe at: joeschmaltz59@gmail.com.

Along with the essay contest, the Committee for Integrity Enhancement also sponsors the Personal Integrity Award. This award is intended to recognize adult members of our community who exemplify the character traits of integrity in their daily lives. If you know of someone like this and want to nominate him or her for this year's award, please see the included document for information and a form to help you.

Sincerely,

The Committee for Integrity Enhancement

