Please share with all 1st Grade Teachers!

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Board of Directors, MSBA Chief Executive Officer Maureen Valente, and MSBA Executive Director Jack McCarthy, are pleased to announce the **10th Annual "My Ideal School" Contest**. The goal of the "My Ideal School" Contest is to promote discussion among students and teachers as to how thoughtful design and construction of schools in Massachusetts supports student engagement and 21st century learning.

Regional winners and 1 grand prize winner will be selected to each receive a special prize graciously donated by Santander Bank. The grand prize winner will also have their "My Ideal School" Contest illustration featured on the cover of the MSBA's 2016 Annual Report.

All winners will be honored at a special awards ceremony at the Massachusetts State House. Winners will be contacted directly through their schools and their names, drawings and essays, will be posted on the MSBA's website, www.MassSchoolBuildings.org

How to participate: **Entries should include both an illustration and a short essay**

1. Student Illustration: Draw Your "Ideal School"

What would your ideal school look like? What are the most important areas of a school to you? What would your ideal school have that would engage you as a student? (Use your imagination, creativity and be colorful!)

2. Student Essay: Name 3 things that you love about your school that you would want in your "Ideal School"

What do you love about your current school? How does this affect your idea of an ideal school? How does your school inspire you to learn and do your best?

Entry Guidelines

Entrants must be in the 1st grade and attend a Massachusetts public school. Only one entry per student will be accepted. Winners will be contacted through their school's administration.

School Drawings & Format

School drawings should be completely student-drawn, colorful, and submitted on an **8.5 x 11" solid white piece of paper**. Drawings can be of the outside of a school or of a particular classroom(s) or activity within a school (art room, library, etc.). The student's essay should be submitted on a separate piece of paper. The essay should be no more than 60 words.

Entry Deadline: (received by) Friday, April 29, 2016

Should you have any questions, please contact **Maria Puopolo** at **(617) 720-4466, Maria.Puopolo@MassSchoolBuildings.org** or visit www.MassSchoolBuildings.org/programs/ideal_school

Mail Entries to:

Massachusetts School Building Authority
"My Ideal School" Contest, Attn: Maria Puopolo
40 Broad Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02109

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Entry Form

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** Please fill out one form per student entry and attach the form to the front of the entry.*

My Ideal School Contest

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Student's Full Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City/ Town: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

School's Phone #: _____

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