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To: All Delaware Principals and Charter School Administrators
From: Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC)
Date: September 14, 2011
Re: Disability History and Awareness Month Poster Contest

Greetings Schools Administrators:

Governor Markell signed House Bill 123 which designated October as Disability History and Awareness Month in Delaware, at a ceremony at the Can-Do Playground on August 17, 2011. Disability History and Awareness Month was originally introduced through House Concurrent Resolution 19 which encouraged school districts across Delaware to implement activities to observe Disability History and Awareness Month. A number of districts and charter schools across the State participated last year by putting information on their marquees, including information on famous people with disabilities in their morning announcements and newsletters and by inviting individuals with disabilities to share their stories with students. They also had their students develop posters for the statewide poster contest. We are pleased to invite your school district to participate in the second annual statewide Disability History and Awareness Month Poster Contest. Last year's contest winners included students from John Bassett Moore, Thurgood Marshall Elementary and Middletown High School. We hope to have participation from all districts this year

Please read the Poster Specification and Rules carefully. Entry forms may be duplicated. Posters should be mailed to the GACEC (516 West Loockerman St., Dover, DE 19904) and must be postmarked by **Monday, October 31, 2011**. After receiving the entries, the GACEC will select a winning poster for each of the three divisions (elementary, middle school, high school). The winners will be notified no later than November 23, 2011. The students who submit the winning posters will be invited to a luncheon with the Governor or Lt. Governor and other Delaware dignitaries. There will also be individual prizes for the students who submit the winning posters.

Your support in this important Disability History and Awareness Month activity is greatly appreciated. Please share this information with all of your faculty and students. We know we have a lot of artistic talent in the State. If you have any questions regarding the poster contest, please contact Kathie Cherry, GACEC Administrative Assistant at 302-739-4553 or kcherry@gacec.k12.de.us.

Sincerely,

Wendy S. Strauss, Executive Administrator

DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

POSTER CONTEST

Who May Enter:

Any student of a Delaware public or charter school may submit a poster.

The divisions are:

Elementary School: Grades K - 5, Middle School: Grades 6 - 8,
High School: Grades 9-12

Deadline Date:

Completed poster designs must be postmarked before midnight, **October 31, 2011**. All entries become the property of the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) and will not be returned.

Poster Specifications and Contest Rules:

- ❖ Completed posters should be at least 8.5 x11 and no larger than 12x18.
- ❖ The Disability History and Awareness Month Poster Contest entry blank, with information typed or printed clearly, should be securely glued to the back of the poster.
- ❖ Designs should be submitted on quality paper or poster board only.
- ❖ Lamination is not permitted and will disqualify the poster.
- ❖ Posters should contain original student artwork only, no computer designed posters or use of copyrighted characters (Disney, SpongeBob, etc.) will be accepted. Stencils, stickers or other glued on materials will result in disqualification.
- ❖ Posters will be judged on originality, clarity of message and quality of artwork. The decision of the judges will be final.
- ❖ All posters and slogans must harmonize with the theme of Disability History and Awareness Month.
- ❖ There may be multiple entries per classroom but only **one entry per student. Group poster entries are not encouraged since there are individual prizes to be given.**
- ❖ Entrants agree to give the GACEC ownership of their artwork with the right to reproduce it should it be selected a winner.
- ❖ Winners will be notified by phone, mail and/or e-mail.

POSTER ENTRY FORM

(FINAL SUBMISSION DATE – OCTOBER 31, 2011)

Please Print

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Division Entering (Circle One) Elementary Middle School High School

School Name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

School Address: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-Mail Address: _____ School Phone: _____

Please Print

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Division Entering (Circle One) Elementary Middle School High School

School Name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

School Address: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-Mail Address: _____ School Phone: _____

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Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Division Entering (Circle One) Elementary Middle School High School

School Name: _____ Student's Grade: _____

School Address: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

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