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MEMORANDUM

TO: Art Teacher/Superintendent
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: February 1, 2012
SUBJECT: 2012 Playground Safety Poster Calendar Contest
Poster submission deadline Friday, March 9, 2012

We are pleased to be involved with the *Eighth Annual Playground Safety Poster Contest*. The last seven years have been so successful that the State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Department of Labor are again hosting the contest for all Oklahoma elementary students in Grades 1 through 6. All first- through sixth-grade students may participate and have a chance of winning a \$25 to \$1,000 United States Savings Bond.

Teachers could include this fun learning event in their lesson plans, if desired. Students are delighted when given recognition in the statewide mailout of the winning posters that become a part of the Playground Safety Calendar. Students, parents, family, staff, and others are now enjoying the calendars from last year's winners.

We, along with our Governor and the Commissioner of Labor, look forward to seeing your school's entries and students at the State Capitol for the award ceremony on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

For further information, you may contact Ms. Liz McNeill, Oklahoma Department of Labor, at (405) 521-6560; Ms. Vivian Baber, Oklahoma State Department of Education, at (405) 522-2232; or Ms. Patty Dixon, Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society, at (918) 245-5756. In addition, please find the contest rules on the enclosed 2012 Calendar, or on the Oklahoma Department of Labor's Web site at www.ok.gov/odol/Workforce_Protection/Safety_Standards/Playground_Safety_Awareness/index.html.

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Enclosure