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To: Directors of Local Health, Superintendents of Connecticut Schools

From: Amanda Parkins, Epidemiologist 2, Radon Program, EHDWB, DPH

Date: September 6, 2022

Subject: Radon Poster & Video Contest

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) is sponsoring a State Radon Poster & Video Contest. The goal of the contest is to raise the awareness about lung cancer prevention, the harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon, and to encourage radon testing in all homes.

Children between the ages of 9-14 from schools across the state are eligible to participate in the poster contest. The top 13 posters will be reproduced in a 2023 calendar and distributed to all participating students and schools. The top 3 posters will be featured on the CT DPH Radon Program's website.

Children between the ages of 14-18 are eligible to participate in the video contest. The top video will be featured on the CT DPH Radon Program's website.

If your school participates, staff from the Radon Program are available to teach a lesson about radon awareness at your school through mid-November. The presentations can foster student interest in the contests. Lessons can be designed to accommodate the guidelines of your school district virtually or in person. Presentations can be tailored to a length of time that is appropriate for your available time slot.

All entries must be sent into the CT DPH Radon Program by November 15th, 2022. Submission guidelines are outlined in the attached 2023 Radon Poster & Video Contest Rules. The submissions will be judged by a panel of CT DPH staff and the winners will be notified in December. The first-place poster and video will be submitted to the National Radon Poster & Video Contest to be judged by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) E-25 Committee on Radon.

If your school is interested in participating please contact: <u>DPH.RadonReports@ct.gov</u>. Thank you. We hope to hear from you soon.

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