



On behalf of Metra, I would like to thank you for your support of our public safety efforts. The Metra Safety Poster and Safety Essay Contests are key initiatives in our ongoing safety campaign to further students' awareness, understanding and implementation of critical railroad safety practices.

Since its launch, we are proud to say that tens of thousands of students from hundreds of schools throughout Northeastern Illinois have participated in Metra safety campaigns and we could not be happier that so many students are actively participating and learning about what they can do to keep themselves safe around trains and railroad tracks.

As an elected official, you play an integral role in seeing that positive safety messages are disseminated to the public. As a token of our appreciation for your time and dedication, please accept Metra's 2015 Safety Calendar displaying last year's winning contest entries.

In addition to the calendar, the winning students' entries are also featured on Metra's website, in station displays and on monthly commuter tickets.

We are currently soliciting entries for Metra's 2014-2015 Safety Poster and Essay Contests. This year's theme is **"Unplug for Safety: Look, Listen and Live."** The deadline for both contests is **Friday, Jan. 30, 2015**. Please take the opportunity to learn more about our safety campaign by visiting Metra's contest website (www.metracontest.com).

In addition to the Metra Safety Poster and Safety Essay Contests, the safety campaign's outreach efforts include working with fire departments, community groups and its Safety Partners such as the Illinois State Police, Illinois Commerce Commission, T.E.A.R.S., Active Transportation Alliance and Operation Lifesaver to further increase awareness of critical railroad safety practices.

We look forward to working with you in the future to continue keeping our children safe. Thank you again for your commitment to public safety and best wishes for a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Don Orseno
Executive Director/CEO