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Dear Teachers and/or Program Leaders,

My name is Anita Strong and I represent the Council of Canadians in Kamloops. For the last 20 years we have led the organizing of the Kamloops Walk for Peace, the Environment and Social Justice. We have tried every year to make the Walk more upbeat and more inclusive of all ages, ethnicities and walks of life. For example, we have had elementary school choirs and poets perform, included non-internal combustion powered floats (with a trophy for the best), included speakers from First Nations, Faith groups, labour groups and Veterans.

What we would like to propose to you in order to widen the understanding of peace, the environment and social justice amongst our youth is to introduce a competition for them to express one of these ideas in any number of ways of their teachers' choice. This could be expressed in the medium of poetry, prose, skits, humour, visual arts, music or any other way which fits in with your program. Or alternatively, as I know you are always pressed for time, you could suggest to your students that this might be something they could undertake on their own.

The winning entry would have an opportunity to perform his/her piece either as a social media promotion of the Walk or perhaps at the Rally itself (prior to the Walk). This makes the entries time—sensitive and we would like to suggest a deadline of March 18th for you to indicate your decision to participate. Entries must be submitted by April 25 in order to be eligible. There will be monetary awards for winning entries which we have yet to decide how to allocate.

Please feel free to contact me any time at 250-851-6050 or dnastrong1@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Anita Strong

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