

# EYES UP, DEVICES DOWN!

## 12TH ANNUAL

### METRA SAFETY POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST



**Who:** Students K-12

**Theme:** Eyes Up, Devices Down!

**Deadline:** January 31, 2018

**Prizes and Awards:**

1st place - iPad

2nd place - \$250

3rd place - \$100

**Poster Contest Awards:**

One 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade.

**Essay Contest Awards:**

One 1st place winner will be selected from three grade groups: elementary, middle and high school.

This event is not sponsored by School District 146, any of its schools, or groups officially associated with the District.

For more information, visit [www.metracontest.com](http://www.metracontest.com).



On behalf of Metra, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our public safety efforts. The Metra Safety Poster and Essay contest is a key initiative in our campaign to increase our children's awareness and understanding of how to stay safe near trains and railroad tracks that crisscross northeastern Illinois.

We are currently soliciting entries for Metra's 2017-2018 Safety Poster and Essay Contest. This year's theme is "**Eyes Up, Devices Down: Look, Listen, Live.**" The deadline for entries is **Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018**. A set of posters advertising the contest is enclosed. We ask that you display them prominently and encourage participation.

Since its launch in 2006, we are proud to say that more than 33,000 students from hundreds of schools throughout northeastern Illinois have participated in the Metra Safety Poster and Essay Contest. We could not be happier that so many students are actively engaged in learning about what they can do to keep themselves safe around trains and railroad tracks.

Our goal is to make the 2017-2018 contest our most successful to date and hope we can count on you to help us get the word out to students across the region. Please visit the contest website, [metracontest.com](http://metracontest.com), to learn more about the contest and the importance of teaching our children how to be safe around trains and railroad tracks. I think you will agree that this is an effective way to engage our young people in learning about and promoting rail safety.

In addition to the Metra Safety Poster and Essay Contest, our safety outreach efforts include working with fire departments, law enforcement agencies, community groups and safety partners such as the DuPage Railroad Safety Council and Illinois Operation Lifesaver to further educate and increase awareness of critical railroad safety practices.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to keep our children safe. Thank you again for your support of the Metra Safety Poster and Essay Contest and your commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Don Orseno  
Executive Director/CEO