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Dear Educators,

The youth in your schools and centers are cordially invited to participate in the PAL/NYPD “Police Commissioner for a Day” essay contest. The contest is open to all New York City students in **grades 9 through 12 only**. Each participant will be required to write an essay on the topic that was personally approved by Police Commissioner Edward A. Caban.

The topic this year is:

As Police Commissioner for a Day, what would be your number one priority to tackle?

If one of your students is chosen as the “Police Commissioner for a Day,” they will meet Commissioner Caban during an award ceremony to be held on **April 16th, 2024**. The winner will also receive a \$500.00 prize and a personalized plaque. In addition, the top winner’s school will receive a plaque and a \$250.00 donation.

The “Police Commissioner for a Day” award is one of many awards that will be presented to the winning essay writers. The other awards include Deputy Commissioner, Bureau Chief, Patrol Borough Commander, Precinct Commander, and many more.

All winners will have an opportunity to spend a day with their top police officials.

The contest begins February 1st. All entries must be completed and submitted by March 17th, 2024 through the application link. Winners will be notified in the weeks following the deadline.

We have attached a flyer with the contest rules and regulations that will provide you with detailed instructions. All essays must have contestant’s full name, current school, email, and police precinct that you reside in should all be listed on the top of the first page.

Students can find their precinct at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/find-your-precinct.page>

Please make sure that your students submit their essays to the link that has been provided on the flyer.

We encourage your students to submit their essays and participate in this exciting contest. For 2024 the Award Ceremony will occur on April 16th, 2024.

Please contact Meredith Gray at mgray@palnyc.org or 646-357-6606 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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