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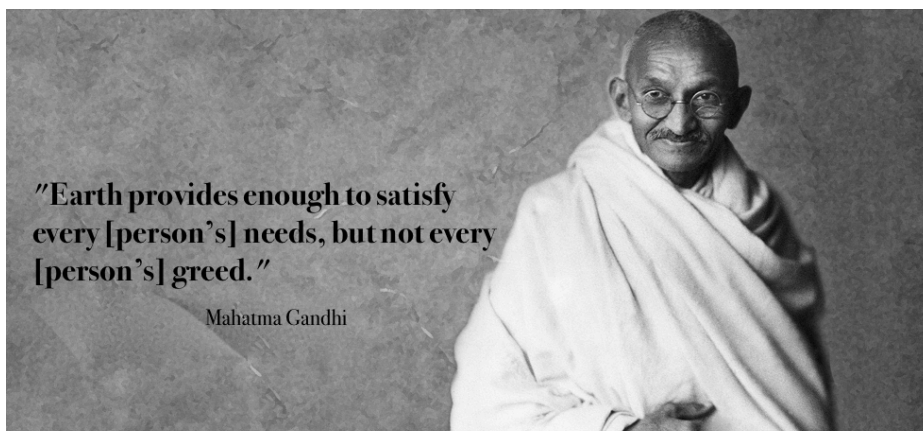
**Rhode Island 8th Grade
Gandhi Essay Contest 2019-2020**

Dear Principal:

The **RI 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest** is celebrating 10 years of spreading peace in the Rhode Island schools, helping thousands of students to better understand the nonviolence principles of Gandhi and motivating them to actively make their schools and communities safer!

The Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies invites your school to join us in this 10th anniversary year of the Essay Contest. Many thanks to the principals, teachers, and students who have participated in the past.

More than 1,500 8th graders have submitted essays and received recognition from URI over the last nine years.



Principals, teachers, and students who have participated report improved academics, stronger writing skills, and more positive student attitudes and behavior.

Guidelines & Resources can be found on the Contest website: web.uri.edu/gandhiessay/

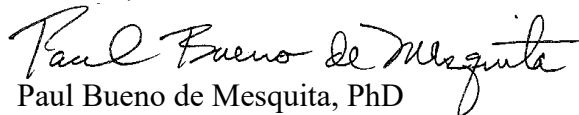
We need your help in promoting this academic contest:

1. **DISTRIBUTE** the enclosed envelopes and flyers to your SS & LA lead teachers.
2. **ANNOUNCE** the contest in faculty meetings, PTO gatherings, school websites, newsletters, etc.
3. **DISPLAY** the contest flyers in prominent locations in your school.

We appreciate your assistance and hope the essay contest will help to create a safer, more peaceful learning environment for all students in your school.

Questions? Contact us - 401-874-2875 or email gandhiessay@etal.uri.edu.

In Peace,



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Professor and Director