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**Dear Educator,**

We need you to help us recruit **Sign Warriors!**

Signs provide important visual cues to drivers. Even the most attentive driver can miss or curve or zoom unsafely through an intersection if signs are damaged or missing. That's why the local road agencies in your area are working with the N.D. Technical Assistance Program on a sign protection awareness program in schools across the state.

The program features a "Sign Warrior" cartoon superhero. The Sign Warrior's motto, "SAVE OUR SIGNS!" encourages **4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary-age youth** to be alert to the four major dangers to North Dakota road signs: shooting, stealing, graffiti, and other damage. The program features a drawing contest so that young artists can help us illustrate the dangers and the efforts of the Sign Warrior to protect the state's signs.

**Guidelines:**

- Drawings should be on letter-size paper (11 X 8 ½)
- Drawn in landscape orientation (wider than they are tall)
- Drawn in bold and vibrant colors for quality reproduction
- Previous years calendars can be viewed online at [www.ndltap.org/programs/signwarrior.php](http://www.ndltap.org/programs/signwarrior.php).
- No weapons in drawings please. (guns, knives, bow & arrows, etc.)
- On the back of the drawing, include:
  - student's name,
  - teacher's name, teacher's email,
  - school and school address.

**Drawings (do not fold) must be submitted to NDLTAP, 515 ½ East Broadway, Bismarck, ND, 58501, by no later than Friday, October 16.** Alternatively: Drawings may be scanned or digitally photographed at a resolution of at least 300 dpi and emailed to [ndltap@ugpti.org](mailto:ndltap@ugpti.org).

NDLTAP will choose 16 drawings to feature on a 2021 Sign Warrior calendar to be distributed across the state. The calendars and the outstanding featured drawings will help draw attention to the dangers and costs of sign damage across North Dakota. Students submitting winning drawings will receive an official Sign Warrior certificate and 10 copies of the calendar.

We are hoping that making youth aware of the dangers that missing or damaged signs pose to their friends and family, we can reduce sign damage and theft in the future.

We hope that you will use this activity in your classroom to create a new generation of Sign Warriors! When available, I am willing to come into your classroom and facilitate this project. I can be contacted at [Joy.annette@ndsu.edu](mailto:Joy.annette@ndsu.edu) or call me 701-561-9562 to arrange a time.

Have fun with this project!

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