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Dear Teacher/Educator,

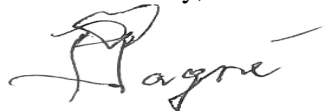
The World Summit on the Information Society in collaboration with the United Nations Cyberschoolbus is pleased to announce the launch of a poster competition for students in Primary/Elementary School (ages 9 and up), Intermediate/Middle School and Secondary School. The competition will offer students an opportunity to share their vision of the Information Society – a society that makes the best possible use of information and communication technologies, such as the telephone, radio, television, and computer to help improve our quality of life.

In December 2003, world leaders will be gathering in Geneva, Switzerland for the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Their attention will be focused on finding innovative ways to bridge the “digital divide” – the growing gap between countries that have access to information and communication technologies and those that do not. The United Nations General Assembly has endorsed the Summit as a way to foster cooperation among nations and to promote various initiatives that aim to use information and communication technologies to meet the needs of the developing world.

In recognition of the fact that young people make up the majority of the world’s population, school children all over the world have been invited to participate in this competition. [Guidelines](#) to the competition with details about entry categories, eligibility requirements, judging criteria, and deadline are available on the [Cyberschoolbus](#) Web site. All entries must be accompanied by an [official entry form](#). Winning entries will be exhibited at the Summit in Geneva.

We urge you to get your school and students involved -- give them the opportunity to contribute their vision of the Information Society to this important event.

Yours sincerely,



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