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Creative Minds Youth Contest Letter of Greeting

Dear Students and Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you to the award ceremony for the Peel Creative Minds Contest. I also want to commend the Intercultural Dialogue Institute GTA for mounting this contest in collaboration with Peel District Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

As Ontario's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, I recognize the importance of encouraging students to participate in activities such as the Peel Creative Minds Contest. Since climate change has become the defining issue of our time, this year's theme, "Human Footprint on Earth: Impacts and Solutions", is an especially timely and important topic. There can be no doubt that exploring the human footprint on earth is a step towards finding ways to help our global environment now and for the future.

Through your art, essay and video entries, you are not only expressing your own creative concepts about the impacts of modern human activity, you will be educating others about the challenges facing our environment. Hopefully your creative efforts will inspire you and others to create a better tomorrow. After all, you will be the scientists, academics, professionals, technicians, environmentalists and workers who inherit our world and all that it contains.

Please accept my compliments for participating and my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Murray".

Glen Murray
Minister