

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR** 

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## Padavan Invites Students To Participate In Statewide Enivronment Contest

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New York State Senator Frank Padavan (Queens) today called for local students entries for the 17th Annual I\*MA\*GREEN\*NATION Celebration.

The I\*MA\*GREEN\*NATION competition is an annual statewide competition that provides grade and middle school children the opportunity to present their ideas and solutions to environmental problems. Past presentations have included ways to combat global warming, reduce solid waste and foster recycling in our communities.

"Over the years I\*MA\*GREEN\*NATION has helped increase environmental awareness among school children throughout the state while advancing innovative solutions to the biggest challenges facing our environment and future," Padavan said. "Participation in this competition is fun and challenging and encourages children to use their imagination to make our state and communities greener and more sustainable."

Schools wishing to participate in this year's event must register by March 7th and the entry deadline is March 30, 2008. The competition is open to all students in Grades One through Eight and includes an awards presentation at the State Capital in Albany on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. During this event, winners will receive award medals and view all the submission from throughout the state.