



Welcome to
Senator Andrew Lanza's
 Annual 5th Grade

“There Ought to be a Law” Contest

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SENATOR LANZA HOSTS ANNUAL “There Ought To Be A Law” CONTEST

Staten Island, New York- Senator Andrew Lanza, Deputy Minority Leader hosted his annual “There Ought To Be A Law” contest to award students across Staten Island for the exemplary work demonstrated within their proposed legislative bills.

This contest is a way to recognize students across Staten Island for their excellent work, creativity and passion to improve Staten Island. 5th grade students from schools throughout Staten Island took part in this annual law contest where ideas ranged from safeguarding schools, putting an end to bullying, animal safety, public safety and more. Each participating school sent their submissions to the office of Senator Lanza where winners were selected. Those selected were recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at the Courthouse in Historic Richmondtown.

Senator Andrew Lanza said: “Congratulations to the students who participated in my annual “There Ought To Be A Law” contest. Their work highlights a special passion that our students have for their peers and our Staten Island community. These students are wise beyond their age. I also want to thank their parents and educators for all of their hard work to ensure the children in our community are reaching their fullest potential.”

The 2023 “There Ought To Be A Law” contest winners are:

PS 1: Timothy Pal	PS 62: Victoria Leigh Nicoletti
PS 3: Dean Aboulessan	PS 65: Christopher Mosses
PS 5: Alessia De Blasi	PS 68: Savannah Weiler
PS 8: James Van Name	PS 74: Tiffany Crawford Stephens
PS 11: Hisham Khan	Academy of St. Dorothy: Zoey Sezen
PS 23: Vincent Pieters	Hellenic Charter School: Stefano Kournidakis
PS 29: Sophia Faith Bruno	Our Lady of Good Counsel: John Ryan
PS 32: Sofia Pellizzi	Our Lady Star of the Sea: Bree Murnane
PS 38: Rokaia Abdelmontaser	St. Ann School: Sarah Melnyk
PS 41: Evelina Plyuta	St. Charles School: Lorenzo Allone
PS/IS 48: Toni Amanda Stark	St. Clare School: Jenna Jaconetti
PS 53: Owen Bertuccio	St. Teresa-Rita STREAM Academy: Rock Hoti
PS 54: Valentina Minucci	

