



## Suffolk County Legislature

Office of Legislator Manuel Esteban Sr, Esq.



# BE POOL SMART CAMPAIGN

## POSTER CONTEST

### Contest Rules

Each participating student should create a poster with the title "Be Pool Smart." The poster should creatively illustrate one or more of the ten safety tips to prevent accidental drowning. The winning poster will be used as the cover to next year's brochure.

Please be sure to add the following information to your poster:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Grade
- ❖ School
- ❖ Teacher's Name

\* Please use white poster board or paper no larger than 22" x 30".

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**Entry Deadline: Wednesday, May 4, 2023**

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# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



## COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Dr. Patrick Harrigan, Superintendent  
Half Hollow Hills School District  
525 Half Hollow Road  
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Dear Superintendent Harrigan:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to your elementary school students to participate in the Suffolk County Legislature's "Be Pool Smart" poster contest. Resolution Number 927-2007 directs the Legislature to hold this campaign and poster contest annually. The "Be Pool Smart" poster contest promotes the importance of pool safety. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the rise in families owning pools shows that now, it is more important than ever to "Be Pool Smart."

Please distribute the enclosed contest flyers to your elementary school students to be used as teaching tools. I will be judging the poster entries and will select a finalist from each school district. One poster, also chosen by me, will represent my Legislative District. The poster will be submitted to the office of the Presiding Officer and he will then present all the winning posters to the Budget Review Office where they will select the poster to be used as part of a countywide message to be disseminated by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> place student winner of the contest will be presented with a proclamation, and a press release and photo will be distributed to local newspapers in order to help celebrate his/her accomplishment. All participating students from my Legislative District will be acknowledged with a certificate of achievement from my office.

If you choose to participate in the contest, *please submit the "Be Pool Smart" posters by May 4th*. I have enclosed a copy of Resolution 927-2007, contest flyers and recent year's winning pamphlets to help describe the program. Please feel free to call my office if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (631) 854-5100.

Sincerely,

Manuel Esteban Sr, Esq.  
Suffolk County Legislator  
16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Introduced by Legislators Cooper and Schneiderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 927 -2007, ESTABLISHING A "BE POOL SMART" PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE POOL SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury related deaths of children between the ages of one (1) and fourteen (14) nationwide, and the third leading cause of injury-related deaths of children in New York. On average, 350 children under the age of five (5) years old drown in swimming pools each year and another 2,600 children under the age of five (5) are treated in hospitals for near-drowning accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, near-drownings have a high case fatality rate with fifteen (15%) percent of children admitted for near-drowning dying in the hospital and as many as twenty (20%) percent of near-drowning survivors suffering severe, permanent neurological damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk should take all possible steps to improve swimming pool safety and to educate residents who have pools of the safety measures they can take to protect children against accidental drownings; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature shall conduct an annual "Be Pool Smart" campaign in elementary level schools throughout the County of Suffolk, inviting students to participate in a poster contest requiring a student's interpretation of what can be done to protect children and families against accidental pool drownings; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that each Legislator shall send letters and a copy of the pool safety pamphlet, published pursuant to the 5th RESOLVED clause of this Resolution, to the Superintendents of public school districts, located within their pertinent legislative district, advising the school as to the contest; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that each Legislator shall judge entries made by elementary schools and recommend one (1) winner from each school as a finalist. A Legislator from each district shall then recommend to the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature one (1) poster to represent their legislative district; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the deadline for submitting eligible posters shall be April 30th of each year beginning with the year 2008; the Legislative Office of Budget Review shall then select the winning poster, which shall be announced by the Presiding Officer at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislature in June each year; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that any student requesting to participate in said contest shall be furnished with a pamphlet from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services regarding pool safety tips, which pamphlet shall contain information and safety procedures developed by the Suffolk County Pool Safety Task Force, and any other relevant organization dedicated to pool safety, to protect children from accidental drownings; and be it further

**6th RESOLVED**, that said pamphlet shall be disseminated by the County Department of Health Services no later than March 1st each year, and, except in the year 2008,

the design on said pamphlet's cover shall contain an image of the preceding year's "Be Pool Smart" campaign winning poster; and be it further

**7th** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

**DATED: September 20, 2007**

**APPROVED BY:**

**/s/ Steve Levy**  
**County Executive of Suffolk County**

**Date: September 26, 2007**