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## **Metro Credit Union Sponsors Essay Contest**

### ***Credit Union Supports Literacy in Youth***

**Chelsea, MA – December 1, 2008** – In a continued effort to promote literacy in youth, Metro Credit Union is pleased to be participating in the 2009 Student Essay contest for seventh and eighth students through an essay contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Credit Union League's Financial Literacy Committee.

Metro Credit Union will be accepting entries from middle school students until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will be competing for the top prize of a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, and in addition, seven winners will be chosen to receive a \$250 U.S. Savings Bond and several Honorable Mentions will be awarded \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds.

Students are asked to write an essay that answers the following question: "In 2009, Massachusetts credit unions will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and a history of "People Helping People". What kind of program would you create in your community to help those less fortunate in the year ahead?"

From the entries received, Metro Credit Union will select three essays and submit them to the statewide competition. These students will receive a \$100 deposit into a Metro SMART Account. All students who submit an essay will earn a certificate of participation from the Massachusetts Credit Union League. The League will then choose the winners who will receive their awards at a ceremony at the State House in the spring.

For more information about the essay contest, please contact Kaitlin Martel at 877-MY-METRO extension 5428.

#### **About Metro Credit Union**

Metro Credit Union is one of the largest credit unions in Massachusetts with over \$700 million in assets, and serves over 100,000 members. Established in 1926 and based in Chelsea, Metro offers superior service and a full range of financial products, including investment and insurance offerings, for consumers and businesses in eastern Massachusetts. Metro has nine branch offices conveniently located in Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Peabody, Swampscott, Tewksbury, and a tenth branch soon to open in Boston. Metro is also a leader in workplace banking, serving over 1,800 companies throughout the state.

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