

To: **All High School Principals in Illinois**

Regarding: **Essay contest and a public talk presented by the Dalai Lama in April**

This message describes (1) an essay contest open to 11th-grade students, and (2) opportunities for you and your students to attend a program sponsored by TIBETcenter at Loyola University Chicago, including a public talk on non-violence by the Dalai Lama. This program will be held on April 26, 2012, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The flyer below provides information about the **Dalai Lama Essay Contest**. Please post copies of it at your school. The topic of the essay has global significance. Your kind assistance is requested in making this information available to interested students at your school.

Three winning students will each receive \$1000 and the honor of reading their essay in front of the Dalai Lama and the audience at the TIBETcenter program at Loyola. There will be significant media coverage and a prime opportunity for good publicity for your school.

Additional opportunities for free tickets to the public talk:

1. One student from your school will be eligible for free admission to the Dalai Lama's public talk, if your school is one of the first 452 Illinois High Schools to register. The school principal should send an email message to **HHDLRS@aol.com** with the name of the school, the school code, and address (HHDLRS=His Holiness Dalai Lama Student Registration). Registration is only possible via email, and only between 10/17/2010 and 1/31/2012. This email message will be used to register the date and time of the request. Names of registered schools will be posted at **<http://www.TIBETcenterchicago.org/>**.
2. Each school that registers will receive a guest ticket to be distributed to an 11th- or 12th-grade student. A total of 452 (4 x 113) tickets will be distributed to the schools. If fewer than 452 schools register by 1/31/2012, then registered schools may be offered a chance to receive a second guest ticket. Student names must be sent to **HHDLRS@aol.com** by 2/15/2012. A reply message will provide guidelines for the event, the documents to be brought, when and where to meet, and other necessary information.
3. When the winners of the essay contest have been determined, the winners' schools will be informed and the corresponding school principals will be invited as guests to the event. In addition, each principal will receive a key to a Tibet Information Box, which includes abundant materials on Tibet and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. After teachers from these schools have the opportunity to use the Tibet Information Box within their schools, it can be made available by loan to other teachers planning projects on Tibet.