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Representative Smola and Senator Gobi Congratulate "My Ideal School" Contest Winner Sarah Parsons

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) were thrilled to meet Brimfield resident Sarah Parsons at the State House on Wednesday, May 27[,] 2015. Sarah's artwork was selected as the winner of the 9th Annual "My Ideal School" Contest. Organized by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and the State Treasurer's Office, the competition is open to 1st grade students throughout the Commonwealth and is designed to promote a discussion between students and teachers about how to create effective learning facilities.

"It's extremely impressive that Sarah's picture was chosen from hundreds of submissions by students from around the state." said Representative Smola. "It was a pleasure to meet Sarah and her family here at the State House and I'm sure that many more achievements can be expected from her in the next few years."

This year, there were over 1200 drawings submitted from first grade students across the Commonwealth. Sarah joined eight other regional winners at a presentation at the State House. As the grand prize winner, Sarah's artwork will featured on the cover of the MSBA's 2015 Annual Report.

"Being chosen as the winner of this year's contest is an incredible honor and Sarah sure earned it," said Senator Gobi. "I look forward to MSBA's 2015 Annual Report coming across every legislator's desk with Sarah's fantastic artwork gracing its cover." said Senator Gobi.