

CONTEST CORNER

Colorful Classrooms Equal Enhanced Education

(NAPSA) — Splashing some color in the classroom helps children learn. That's according to a recent study that found 90 percent of teachers in grades three through 12 agree that teaching in color enhances the learning experience.

For many schools, obtaining the funding to make colorful changes in the classroom is a challenge. In fact,

according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, 75 percent of our nation's school buildings remain inadequate to meet the needs of schoolchildren, in part due to outdated facilities.

One dry erase marker brand is doing its part to modernize and optimize classrooms nationwide. EXPO is teaming up with Genevieve Gorder, designer for TLC's "Trading Spaces," to help brighten and enlighten America's classrooms for learning.

"EXPO is creating an opportunity for me to design a classroom that can help inspire and enhance the learning experience to its highest levels," said Gorder. "Through EXPO's innovative classroom makeover program, teachers and students are experiencing the power of color to enhance learning—one classroom



Teacher Kristi Wolf (left) and eighth-grade winner Ella Wolfe (right) see their \$25,000 classroom makeover for the first time.

makeover at a time. Design is a very powerful thing; this is going to be amazing!"

Students in grades three through 12 can enter EXPO's classroom makeover contest for a chance to win a \$25,000 makeover. To enter, students submit an essay at expomarkers.com and in 100 words or less describe why their teacher deserves a new classroom. The contest runs through December 2006.

The grand prize will include dry erase markers, new white boards and accessories, and an overall new design that incorporates bright splashes and bold strokes of color to enhance students' learning environment.

Visit expomarkers.com to see the complete rules and find out more about the classroom makeover program or to submit an entry.