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Governor Perdue Announces Water Conservation Contest

Contest designed to encourage children's participation in water conservation

ATLANTA—Governor Sonny Perdue announced today the Governor's Water Conservation Contest, open to all students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. The contest is designed to encourage students to think creatively of ways to conserve water by designing a plan that promotes water conservation.

"I believe that awareness of the water conservation effort has the potential to spread throughout Georgia's younger generations the way that the campaign for seatbelt use did years ago," said Governor Perdue. "Soon our kids will be teaching their parents and grandparents new methods for conserving water."

The Governor's Water Conservation Contest asks students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades to develop a water conservation plan for their community by describing their proposed project in an essay and drafting a budget for implementation of the project. Students can work on the essay and budget as a class, a grade or as a project by all participating grades. The principal of each school will choose one winner to submit to the governor for consideration. Governor Perdue will bring together judges to read submitted proposals and select the winning plan for implementation. The plan should include a unique way for communities to conserve water. The implementation of the plan must cost less than \$2,000 total to be considered. All entries must be received by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement by December 6, 2007. The contest winner will receive a \$2,000 prize to be used to carry out the conservation plan in the community. Home Depot is sponsoring the Governor's Water Conservation Contest and will participate in the award ceremony. An email with full contest guidelines will be sent to principals and superintendents throughout the state.

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