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**FIFTY OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL
STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST**

COLUMBUS, OH – Miles Dresback, a fifth grader in Pickaway County during the 2009-2010 school year was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Miles' poster artistically illustrated flood safety and preparedness information such as listen to a weather radio for flood updates and don't drive or walk through high water.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Miles' poster as "the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. Miles is the fourth sibling of the Dresbach family to be awarded as state or regional winner in the poster contest: Andrew Dresbach – 2008; Elizabeth Dresbach – 2004; and Hugh Dresbach – 2000.

As the overall state winner, Miles received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include two \$100 savings bonds, a letter of congratulations from Governor Ted Strickland, a plaque from the National Weather Service, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personal-sized rain gauge, a personalized trophy, and later in the fall, his school will receive an engraved "traveling" trophy to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Miles' poster throughout the year.

Seven students, one from first through sixth grades and individualized instruction classes, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards to include \$50 savings bonds, plaques, personal-sized rain gauges, smoke detectors and a letter of congratulations from Gov. Strickland. They are: 1st Grader Joel Grimm of Madison County; 2nd Grader Regan Draeger of Sandusky County; 3rd Grader Chloe Reichelderfer of Pickaway County; 4th Grader Grace Hart of Summit County; 5th Grader Maegan Chittenden of Fulton County; 5th Grader Annabelle Comunale of Summit County; and 6th Grader Christopher Mark of Summit County.

This year, a total of 50 students from 26 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 33 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

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"Teaching Ohioans Severe Weather Safety and Preparedness"

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For 32 years, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

Names of the 50 regional, state and overall state winners

(*) Denotes state winners

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<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>
Special Ed	Maegan Chittenden * 5 th Grade	Fulton			
1 st Grade	Emily Alander Mathew Drosch Alexis Gallion Joel Grimm * Jeremy Hunt Madelyn Pietrowski Vanessa Reichley	Tuscarawas Auglaize Scioto Madison Ashland Summit Perry	4 th Grade	Jessica Aelker Grace Hart * Madilynn Hovda Courtney Kohler Isabella Pignatiello Madison Siders Olivia Wallace Kendall Wells	Henry Summit Delaware Tuscarawas Cuyahoga Adams Preble Lucas
2 nd Grade	Nicole Brearley Regan Draeger * Mary Kahlig Grace Keller Zachary Love Angela Lugibill Owen McDermott Kaitlyn Sturgeon Katie Vaughn	Lorain Sandusky Mercer Hamilton Tuscarawas Putnam Summit Perry Madison	5 th Grade	Annabelle Comunale * Miles Dresbach ** Claire Farrell Justice Guillaume Sydney Michael Shannon Regula Reagan Shull Lexi Yoney	Summit Pickaway Montgomery Williams Adams Tuscarawas Lucas Cuyahoga
3 rd Grade	Michael Adams Brianna Brown Ethan Brown Kayla Elswick Nikolas Feasel Nathan Hutchinson Chloe Reichelderfer * Daniel Sheets MacKenzie Toole	Geauga Tuscarawas Williams Lorain Logan Wood Pickaway Perry Adams	6 th Grade	Rachel Barlage Andrew Guillaume Molly Hartlage Kacey Hudak Kaleb Kendall Christopher Mark * Daniel Pohlod Katie Thomas	Ross Williams Lucas Cuyahoga Adams Summit Tuscarawas Perry

All posters will be available to view on the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness
Web site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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