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**THIRTY-EIGHT OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL
STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST**

COLUMBUS, OH – Macy Ladd, a sixth grader in Ottawa County during the 2016-2017 school year, was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Macy’s poster on lightning safety illustrates an orchestra conductor in a lightning storm with the message: *Be An Instructor, Not A Conductor!*

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Macy’s poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Macy received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include a check to go toward a \$100 U.S. Treasury Direct savings bond, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, her 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 Macy’s poster throughout the year.

Six students, one from first through sixth grades, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including checks to go toward \$50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Khloe Hoy from Cuyahoga County; 2nd Grader Jacob Brown from Pickaway County; 3rd Grader Josephine Bagne from Cuyahoga County; 4th Grader Jennifer Owens from Erie County; 5th Grader Ashley Harden from Trumbull County; and 6th Grader Jazmin Dellinger from Huron County.

This year, a total of 38 students from 20 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 24 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and 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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Since 1978, 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 38 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>
1 st Grade	Hudsyn Bagley Johnny Conley Khloe Hoy* Kate Hubner Riley Jones	Paulding Scioto Cuyahoga Ottawa Greene		4 th Grade	Antony Aziz Amya Carr Lucas Jolly Sofia Jones Alexandria Karapondo Jack Nightingale Jennifer Owens* Leah Pfefferle	Lucas Scioto Jackson Greene Allen Portage Erie Delaware
2 nd Grade	Jacob Brown* Raina Johnson Tom Lazzaro Logan Schmenk Isabella Zimmer	Pickaway Greene Cuyahoga Allen Hamilton		5 th Grade	Zachary Beckman Ashley Harden* Morgan Jeremiah Maci Kauser Mason Ousley Waylyn Toczek Tyler Wedel	Franklin Trumbull Hamilton Paulding Jackson Huron Greene
3 rd Grade	Josephine Bagne* Alexa Heffner Madison Howard Landon Messer Karlee Mitchell Kaitlyn Ritchey Jacilynn Sark	Cuyahoga Allen Greene Scioto Lucas Summit Fairfield		6 th Grade	Sadie Craft Jazmin Dellinger* Macy Ladd** John Short Zoe Steele Taylor Wilhelm	Scioto Huron Ottawa Preble Trumbull Putnam

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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