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## **Moses Middle School Student Represents Paulding County in Water Essay Contest**

Kiyra Lee, a sixth grade student at Moses Middle School, is the Paulding County winner in the seventh annual water conservation and water quality essay contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District). The Metro Water District is a planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive watershed, wastewater and water supply and water conservation plans to be implemented by local governments in the 15-county metro Atlanta region. The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely are public education campaigns designed to educate and promote behavior changes in water conservation and water quality.

Kiyra will be presented with an award on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the Paulding County Board of Education Meeting. Paulding County Commissioner Wayne Kirby and the Paulding County Board of Education will present Kiyra Lee with the County Award. Commissioner Kirby said, "Educating our community about the importance of conserving water and preserving our water quality is the first step. I am glad to see a student at Moses Middle School passionate about our water resources and excited about educating others about water conservation and water quality as well." In Lee's essay, she outlined how we can all preserve and conserve water. In Lee's essay she says "It is not easy to live with little if any water, try helping out around your neighborhood and community."

The two campaigns, Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely, teamed up to encourage children and parents to address the growing need to improve water quality and water conservation efforts in Georgia. Students researched and shared their thoughts on why conserving water and preventing water pollution are important for the future of their river, lakes and streams. The main goal of this program is to encourage students to create inventive solutions to water conservation and water quality in metro North Georgia.

The contest was open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale and Walton Counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and

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one overall District Winner was selected among the county winners. The District Winner will receive a \$100 check and County Winners receive a \$25 check along with a certificate presented by a county representative.

To view the names of the winners, and read the winning essays please visit, the Clean Water Campaign website at [www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com).

**About the Campaigns**

The **Clean Water Campaign** ([www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com)) is a cooperative, multi-agency education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the 15-county District.

**Water- Use It Wisely** ([www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)) is a program that educates consumers about simple water conservation measures. It is a multi-state program that is being sponsored in the metro Atlanta area by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

**Moses Middle School** is located at 1066 Old County Farm Road, Dallas, Georgia 30132. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-443-8727.

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