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Dear Teacher:

It's time again for the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual poster contest. This opportunity supplements your conservation objectives in the state curriculum. The poster contest is for the 3rd – 12th** grades and any "Special Education" students. "Special Education" includes all special education classes. (SLD, EMR and TMR) **Please note that 10th -12th grades have been added for the first time! Any teacher from any subject area may submit posters i.e. science, art, social studies, English, homeroom, etc.**

The theme for the contest this year, as chosen by the national and state conservation associations, is "**Soil to Spoon**". The theme emphasizes the importance of understanding where the food comes from that we eat each day. You see a wide variety of products in your local grocery store. What is the connection to the soil you walk on each day? (The importance of soil as it relates to our food supply) Poster ideas relating to the theme are included in the rules with websites.

Please submit all entries; do not prejudge posters. We have judges who will select the school and county winners according to the criteria. Certificates will be given to the top three winners from each grade at each school. The first place poster from each grade in each school will then be judged in the overall county contest. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to the First, Second and Third place **overall county** winners in each grade. **Prize money for the COUNTY winners are as follows- 1st place-\$40.00, 2nd place- \$30.00 and 3rd place- \$20.00.** Special Education category will include all special education classes, with consideration given to their various skill levels.

In order for the contest to be successful, so that the students realize their stewardship responsibility, we must count on you, the educator, to promote the contest. As a reminder I'm available to help you meet your conservation objectives through classroom programs, resources, field trips, etc. If you have any questions about the contest or programs please feel free to call me. (601-965-5682 Ext. 3) or email me at: lynn.porter@ms.nacdnet.net The deadline for the contest is **Friday, December 9th, 2011. Posters may be turned in before the deadline.** Thank you for your assistance in helping to promote conservation.

Sincerely,

Lynn Porter

Lynn Porter
District Administrator



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