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## Calling All Student Artists! Air District announces the 2025 Clean Air Calendar Art Contest

**DAVIS, CA – March 17, 2025 –** The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is launching its 2025 Clean Air Calendar Art Contest for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students are encouraged to create art pertaining to this year's theme, "Why is Clean Air Important to You?"

"We're so excited to be hosting our Clean Air Calendar Art Contest again this year and can't wait to see all the creative and meaningful entries," District Executive Director Gretchen Bennitt said. "This contest is a great way to engage students while also educating the community about the importance of air quality."

Research has shown the negative impacts of poor air quality on human and environmental health. This contest provides an opportunity for students to learn about clean air and the small changes that can lead to a big impact on the environment, Bennitt said.

There will be 12 winners of the contest. Air District staff will select first, second and third place winners in each of the following grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will receive Amazon gift cards (\$30 for first place and \$25 for second and third places) and be featured in the 2026 Clean Air Calendar, which will be distributed throughout the community.

The deadline to submit art for the contest is 4 p.m. April 25. Students must be attending schools within District boundaries, which includes all of Yolo County and the northeast part of Solano County including Dixon, Rio Vista and Vacaville. Submissions must be 8.5" x 11" in landscape orientation. Entries, with completed entry forms, can be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:ArtContest@ysaqmd.org">ArtContest@ysaqmd.org</a> or dropped off in person to the District office at 1947 Galileo Court #103, Davis, 95618. For more contest information, visit: <a href="mailto:ysaqmd.org/classrooms">ysaqmd.org/classrooms</a> or email the District's Public Information Officer, Brielle Jamros at <a href="mailto:BJamros@ysaqmd.org">BJamros@ysaqmd.org</a>.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit <a href="mailto:ysaqmd.org">ysaqmd.org</a>. Connect with the Air District via <a href="mailto:Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="mailto:X, LinkedIn">X, LinkedIn</a> and <a href="mailto:Nextdoor">Nextdoor</a>. ####