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## News Release

### Davis County Youth Recognized For TRUTH Anti-Tobacco Ads

(Farmington, Utah) – Ads created by elementary school students within Davis County advance to the state-wide annual Truth from Youth Anti-tobacco Advertising Contest.

More than 400 fourth and fifth grade students from eight Davis School District schools participated in anti-tobacco programs to increase awareness of the dangers of tobacco use and the positive effects of staying tobacco-free. Project TNT (Towards No Tobacco) and TOT (Tobacco on Trial) uses curriculum delivered by their teachers to teach students about the short and long term consequences of tobacco use, financial costs of tobacco use, and how to think critically about tobacco advertising.

“During these classes, students were encouraged to create posters or billboards telling the truth about toxic tobacco and its negative health effects,” said Gloria Yugel, a community health educator with the Davis County Health Department. “School finalists had their posters or billboards judged by students at North Davis Junior High School in Clearfield.”

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According to Yugel, this year's district-level fourth grade finalists include: 1st Place – McKenzie Otteson from Morgan Elementary (Kaysville), 2nd Place – Devin Lee Stewart from Morgan Elementary, and 3rd Place – Angelica Blaylock from Cook Elementary (Syracuse).

All fifth grade winners came from South Weber Elementary; 1st Place – Ryan Blamires, 2nd Place – Brogan Poll, and 3rd Place– J.D. Freeman.

In addition to the individual awards, the Teacher's Award for having the most class entries went to Lisa Malloy's fifth grade class at South Weber Elementary School and Michelle Berg's fourth grade class at Ellison Park Elementary School in Layton.

Separate award ceremonies will be held to recognize the winners at their schools.

Awards ceremonies are planned for March 10th, 9 a.m., at South Weber Elementary; and March 13th, 2:40 p.m., at Morgan Elementary.

All local participants will have their entries submitted in the state-wide contest. Since 1998, the TRUTH campaign has sponsored the annual Truth from Youth Anti-tobacco Advertising Contest encouraging elementary school students across the state to develop anti-tobacco ads for their peers.

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