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Student video contest winners to be recognized at major state education conference

COLUMBUS — Students from Kenston Local Schools in Geauga County beat out 52 other entries from across the state to win the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) sixth annual Stand Up for Public Schools Student Video Contest. A panel of three media professionals judged the district's video, "Ohio Public Schools Rap Battle," to be the best of the best, scoring 47 points out of a possible 48.

Kenston, along with the contest's second- and third-place winners, will be recognized during the Student Achievement Fair at OSBA's 2017 Capital Conference and Trade Show. Logan-Hocking Local Schools in Hocking County won second place and North Canton City Schools was third. The winning video also will be played during a General Session at the Capital Conference, which runs Nov. 12-14 at the Great Columbus Convention Center. You can also watch the top three videos by visiting <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-student-video-contest>.

Schools were asked to submit 90-second videos showing how their public school district or building is making a difference in students' lives and future success. The winning districts are awarded prizes for their video production programs. The celebrity judging panel included Maria Durant, anchor and reporter at ABC6/FOX28 in Columbus; Margo Bartlett, ThisWeek Community News reporter; and Ken Stevens, assistant news director and anchor at 610 WTVN Radio in Columbus.

More than 9,000 public school board members, administrators and guests are expected to attend the Capital Conference, the nation's second-largest education convention. In addition, more than 550 exhibitors will display their goods and services at the Trade Show, the nation's largest education trade exhibition.

News media are invited to cover the Student Achievement Fair, as well as other conference events. Contact Crystal Davis (phone, email listed above) for details on free media registration. For conference details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

In its 62nd year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.