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Dear School Representative,

Last year GDC implemented an exciting Newton Student Energy Conservation Essay Contest that encouraged students to reflect and speak out in a creative way towards global warming and energy conservation. Mayor David B. Cohen announced the 2008 Student Energy Conservation contest on February 2, which includes the essay contest as well as an *art contest* so that we can give children new ways to express their feelings and ideas about this important issue affecting us all.

**The Newton Student Art and Essay Contest on Conserving Energy**

Newton energy consumption continues to climb in spite of increased awareness of the harm caused by CO2 emissions and global warming. The Green Decade and the Mayor's advisory committees on Renewable Resources and Sustainability envision that the essay and art contests and the related publicity will encourage people to reduce their energy consumption.

The contests are open to all students who live or go to school in Newton, grades K-12. Students may enter *either or both contests*, and the submission deadline is March 30, 2008. Entries will be judged by school level; registration information and other details are available at the Green Decade website at: <http://www.greendecade.org/energycontestinfo.html>. In addition, the Newton Schools Foundation will also send out an essay and art contest memo to over 2,000 Newton School teachers and administrators.

**Submission deadline:** March 30, 2008

**Announcement of Winners:** April 2008 (Week of Earth Day)

**Judging:** Newton Teachers (current and former)

**The TAB will print the names of the contest winners**

Here are the prizes that will be offered to contest winners:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Elementary (K-2, 3-5)</b>	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>High School</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$75	\$150	\$300
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$50	\$100	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$35	\$ 75	\$100
4 Distinction Prizes	\$25	\$ 25	\$25

If your school or class is interested in this contest, please contact us for any additional information or visit our website: <http://www.greendecade.org/energycontestinfo.html>. we look forward to working with you on this year's Student Energy Conservation Contest!

Sincerely,

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