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Dear Principal/Teacher,

I am pleased to announce that the Summit County Prosecutor's Office will once again be sponsoring a *Poster Contest* for our 2026 Calendar and I would like to invite your school to be a participant in this year's contest.

The theme of the calendar will remain the same as the previous years, "Safety Kids 2026–12 Rules for Staying Safe". Thousands of children in our community are victimized every day in a variety of ways. Many of these children could have been spared their unfortunate experiences had they known how to handle or avoid the situation. Keeping children safe in Summit County is a top priority for me.

We have developed a list of 12 rules to help educate kids about how to stay safe from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sexual abuse, bullying, and crime. We encourage each of your students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to create posters that encompass one of the 12 rules.

Our panel of judges will select one first prize entry from each of the 12 rules to appear in the calendar, plus one grand prize entry for the calendar cover. Second place, third place, and honorable mention awards will also be selected for each of the 12 rules. A calendar will be given to each student who participates in the contest. Each entry will be judged on creativity, artistic merit, and how well it relates to the particular rule. Gift cards to Amazon.com will be awarded to the winning student entries at an awards ceremony to be held in **November** in the auditorium of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, located at 60 South High Street, Akron, 44326.

Enclosed is the participation form that needs to be filled out completely by October 17, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Ben Sliwa at (330) 643-7190 or sliwa@prosecutor.summitoh.net

We look forward to your participation in our 2026 Safety Kids Calendar Contest. Good luck to all of your aspiring artists!

Yours truly,

Elliot Kolkovich

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