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**Gahanna City School Staff Member Receives Educator of the Year Award
at Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's 72nd Annual Meeting**

10/2/18 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO – The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District recognized Najib Kamagate, 6th grade science teacher at Gahanna Middle School West, for this year's education award. Our educators have worked with him on programming the last 2 years and were very impressed with his engagement with his students, good rapport with his classes and general attitude of caring he portrayed. After speaking with Najib it became apparent that he often incorporates student participation through experiments and labs to cover the science concepts.

Mr. Kamagate is currently working with our Education Team to schedule a field trip to Highbanks Metro Park in the spring. His goal for this field trip is to enhance the learning by providing the opportunity for his students to see and experience first-hand the concepts described in their geology unit.

Franklin Soil and Water is pleased to recognize Najib Kamagate as our Environmental Educator of the Year for 2018 for his dedication to providing a truly supportive learning environment for his students.



Linda Pettit, Franklin Soil and Water Environmental Education Specialist presenting the award of Educator of the Year to Awardee, Najib Kamagate

The Educator of the Year Award is presented to either a formal or non-formal educator whose willingness to go the extra mile helps students appreciate nature and understand environmental interactions.

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