



MEDIA ALERT

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Peninsula-Area High School Students Break Down Bullying at 8th Annual Diversity Dialogue Day

What: Diversity Dialogue Day

When: October 24, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Where: Hampton University Student Center

Who: Over 150 high school students and educators from schools in from schools in the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson, along with Williamsburg-James City County and York County will come together in a hands-on workshop setting to learn lessons about diversity, discrimination, and respect. Diversity Dialogue Day is sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities with support from Dominion Energy.

How: This year's theme is Breaking Down Bullying, with a curriculum taking participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Students will learn to understand their own identities and consider how those identities may relate to incidents of bias and exclusion in their school. They will work closely with their peers from a wide range of ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds as trained facilitators guide them through small group learning activities that will explore personal experiences with discrimination. At the end of the day, students will leave with practical skills to help make their schools more inclusive.

For More Information: <http://www.inclusiveVA.org/programs/schools/diversitydialogueday/>

Interview Opportunities: Members of the press are invited to visit the Diversity Dialogue Day at any time during the program. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interview. *For interviews, the preferred visiting time is from 11:45am – 12:00pm. For programming, the preferred visiting times are from 8:45am -- 10:15am or 1:00pm – 1:30pm.* Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by telephone at (804) 495-1580 or by e-mail at jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org.

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