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Richmond Middle School Students Gather Virtually to “Break the Cycle” of Bullying & Prejudice

*Students, educators, and volunteers to participate in
the 20th Annual Prejudice Awareness Summit*

What: 20th Annual Richmond Prejudice Awareness Summit

When: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Online

Who: Over 90 middle school students and educators from Richmond-area public and private middle schools in Goochland, Henrico, New Kent, and Richmond will participate in discussions and activities around diversity, discrimination, and respect.

How: Students will view “Break the Cycle: Be the Change,” a presentation that examines the concept of prejudice. Using concepts from the presentation, students will break into teams to develop achievable and concrete solutions to the tough challenges that they face at school each day. Students will identify resources and allies to achieve change while also spreading the PAS message to their larger middle school body. Students will return empowered and skilled agents of change and unity, with the goal to reduce conflict and prejudice in their schools.

Web Information: http://inclusiveVA.org/programs/schools/#link_tab-Middle

Supporters: The Summit is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, with financial support from Atlantic Union Bank. Coalition partners from Children’s Home Society of Virginia, Leadership Metro Richmond, Partnership for the Future, and the YWCA Richmond help to create this opportunity for Richmond-area middle school students. The Summit was founded by Jewish Women International.

Interview Opportunities: Members of the press are invited to visit the Prejudice Awareness Summit anytime between the hours of 1:00pm-2:00pm. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interviews. Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by email at jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org, office phone at (804) 515-7950, or cell phone at (804) 495-1580.