



## MEDIA ALERT

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### **Richmond High School Students to Explore Constructive & Inclusive Dialogue at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Dialogue Day**

**What:** Diversity Dialogue Day

**When:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** University of Richmond – Tyler Hanes Commons

**Who:** Approximately 150 high school students and educators from schools in Amelia, Chesterfield, Fredericksburg, Goochland, Henrico, Powhatan, and the City of Richmond will come together in a hands-on workshop setting to learn lessons about diversity, dialogue, and respect. Diversity Dialogue Day is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities with support from Dominion Energy. Coalition Partners for the 2023 Richmond Diversity Dialogue Day are Coming Together Virginia, Leadership Metro Richmond, the YMCA of Greater Richmond.

**How:** This year's theme is "Constructive and Inclusive Dialogue," with a curriculum that will take participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Students will identify and practices skills that support healthy dialogue. They will work closely with their peers from a wide range of ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Trained facilitators will guide the students through a series of small group learning activities that explore personal experiences. Students will leave the program with tools they can use to create school and community environments free from the distractions of prejudice, stereotypes, and bigotry.

**For More Information:** <https://inclusiveVA.org/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 11:50am – 12:10pm. For programming, the preferred visiting time is from 9:00am - 10:15am.* Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by text or telephone at (804) 495-1580 or by e-mail at [jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org](mailto:jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org).