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Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest April 15

What: Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest

When: Friday, April 15, 2011

10 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m.

Where: King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus

Details: Nearly 40 Ohio students in grades kindergarten through 12 are

expected to compete. These regional contest winners will give original speeches inspired by the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students will be judged on their performance, originality and composition. The winners in each of the four grade-based categories will be invited to speak at the 2012 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 12 in downtown Columbus.

The celebration and contest are sponsored by the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, which is housed in the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.