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Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest April 18

What: Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2012

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

Where: King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus, 43203

Details: Forty-one 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. and the 2012 theme "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Mission Still to

Fulfill!"

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 2013 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 17 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.