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Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest set for April 8

COLUMBUS – Ohio youth will offer their perspective on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as they answer the thought-provoking question: “What Would Dr. King Say Today: Chaos or Community?”

This question is the theme of the 2016 Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest being held Friday, April 8 at the King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus.

Thirty-nine participants, in grades kindergarten through 12, advanced from regional contests and 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 2017 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 12 in downtown Columbus.

The contest is open to the public and will be held from 10 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. with a lunch break from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The contest and celebration 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.

For more information, contact the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services at 614-466-8380.