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Youth to compete in Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest

COLUMBUS – Ohio youth will offer their perspective on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the 2017 Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest being held Friday, April 7 at the King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus.

Nearly 30 students in grades kindergarten through 12 will compete in four grade-based categories. The contest is open to the public and will be held from 10 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m.

The participants advanced from regional contests in the following districts: Cleveland, Columbus, Marion-Morrow-Knox Counties and southeastern Ohio. They will give original speeches inspired by the legacy of Dr. King and based on the theme, “Stick with Love: the Work Continues.” The students will be judged on their performance, originality and composition.

The winners of each category will be invited to speak at the 2018 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 11, 2018, in downtown Columbus.

The contest is 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 (DAS).

For more information about the contest and the other projects of the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, contact the DAS Equal Opportunity Division at 614-466-8380.