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Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest set for April 18

COLUMBUS – Thirty-two Ohio students in grades kindergarten through 12 are expected to compete in the Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest being held April 18 at the King Arts Complex, 867 Mount Vernon Ave., Columbus.

These 32 participants, who advanced from regional contests, will give original speeches inspired by the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 2014 theme, "Building a Loving, Nonviolent Community."

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 2015 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Jan. 15 in downtown Columbus.

The contest, which is open to the public, will be held from 10 a.m. to approximately 3 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.