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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual #TheRealDearborn Unity March is Ready To Roll**

They say actions speak louder than words and that is exactly why, for the second straight year, Dearborn students have organized #TheRealDearborn Unity March.

Concerned about many inaccurate descriptions of life in Dearborn, that often portray a distorted and negative image of the city, students from Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Fordson, and Divine Child High School met to discuss ways in which they could bring people together to show the diversity and unity of Dearborn. The outcome of their meetings... #TheRealDearborn Peace March celebrating Dearborn's historic diversity, rich culture, and united community.

On Monday, January 16 the public is invited to gather outside the west entrance of the Michael Guido Theater located at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, 48126 to take part in the event. Starting at 2 p.m., those in attendance will march from the theater entrance a short distance to the Centennial Library and then back to the theater. The event will then move indoors for a short ceremony that will include students sharing their stories and readings to demonstrate how life in Dearborn aligns with Dr. King's message of brotherhood/sisterhood.

The students organizing the event are hoping the approximately one hour long event will draw hundreds of community members young and old. Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent, Dearborn Mayor O'Reilly, and several other prominent members of the community are already planning on attending.

"Despite record low temperatures, last year's march drew more than 250 people and I expect this year's event to bring in even more," commented Dearborn Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Glenn Maleyko.

"The students have worked very hard to make this event happen, believe strongly in this community, and created an event that truly showcases the community spirit that thrives in Dearborn," he added.

The group has also created Twitter and Instagram accounts promoting the January 16 #TheRealDearborn march. People are invited to post photos and comments @RealDearborn.

For more information about how you or your organization can take part in the January 16<sup>th</sup> #TheRealDearborn march please contact Ms. Violet Souweidane at [souweiv@dearbornschools.org](mailto:souweiv@dearbornschools.org). Media inquiries should contact Dearborn Public Schools Director of Communications Mr. David Mustonen at [mustond@dearbornschools.org](mailto:mustond@dearbornschools.org)