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Local youth to discuss education, art, race, special needs, mental health, immigration and LGBTQ issues with public officials at Community Forum that is free and open to the public

WHAT: “AGENTS OF CHANGE: LISTENING TO RICHMOND’S YOUTH”: On Thursday, April 20th, Sabot at Stony Point School will host a community forum in which students from Sabot at Stony Point, Side by Side (formerly ROSMY), ART 180, Milk River Arts, Henrico High School, Appomattox Regional Governor’s School and the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation will make brief talks about topics that touch their own lives. Members of a panel including State Delegate Jeff Bourne, State Senator Jennifer McClellan, Principal Melissa Rickey and Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy will respond. Hip-hop artist/teacher Black Liquid will MC. A question-and-answer session will follow.

WHEN: Thursday, April 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Binford Middle School, 1701 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220

VISUAL/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

- Children and youth from Sabot at Stony Point, Side by Side (formerly ROSMY), ART 180, Milk River Arts, Henrico High School, Appomattox Regional Governor’s School and the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation
- State Delegate Jeff Bourne
- State Senator Jennifer McClellan
- Principal Melissa Rickey
- Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy
- Hip-hop artist/teacher Black Liquid
- Lella Gandini, U.S. Reggio Emilia Liaison (will make opening remarks)
- Susan Harris MacKay, Director of Teaching and Learning, Opal School of the Portland Children’s Museum, Portland, OR (will make closing remarks)

PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY FORUM:

The Community Forum, “Agents of Change: Listening to Richmond’s Youth,” is part of Sabot’s effort to engage with the wider community on issues that concern children, youth and education in our city. The 2017 event marks the fourth community forum we have hosted. The theme throughout all of our forums has been empowering children - our youngest citizens - to participate in their education and in their communities.

Sabot at Stony Point is an accredited independent school in Richmond’s Bon Air neighborhood serving children in preschool through eighth grade. For more information, visit www.sabotatstonypoint.org.

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