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Peninsula-Area High School Students to Explore Class and Socioeconomic Status at 13th Annual Diversity Dialogue Day

What: Diversity Dialogue Day

When: November 1, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Where: Peninsula Center at Old Dominion University/Virginia Peninsula Community College
Who: High school students and educators from Hampton, Newport News, and Williamsburg-James City County will come together in a hands-on workshop setting to learn lessons about diversity, discrimination, and respect. Diversity Dialogue Day is sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities with support from Dominion Energy.

How: This year's theme is "Stopping Stereotypes in Schools," with a curriculum that will take participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Students will learn to recognize prejudice and intolerance, and to respect others. They will work closely with their peers from a wide range of ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Trained facilitators will guide the students through a series of small group learning activities that explore personal experiences. Students will leave the program with tools they can use to create school and community environments free from the distractions of prejudice, stereotypes, and bigotry.

For More Information: https://inclusiveva.org/diversitydialogueday/

Interview Opportunities: Members of the press are invited to visit the Diversity Dialogue Day at any time during the program. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interview. *For interviews, the preferred visiting time is from 11:45am – 12:05pm. For programming, the preferred visiting time is from 9:00am - 10:15am.* Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by telephone at (804) 495-1580 or by e-mail at jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org.