

TEACHING FOR LEARNING – SYSTEM MEMORANDUM

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To: All 7-12 Principals and Vice-Principals

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Information: All Secondary Office Administrators
Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

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Date: September 27, 2013

Subject: **YOUTH EQUITY AND INCLUSION FORUM**

P/VP Action Required
Registration Deadline:
October 11, 2013

The Equity and Inclusion Youth Forum is a recognition and celebration of our diversity. This day has been established to help us learn together by providing staff and students the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and awareness relating to equity and diversity issues. The theme for this Forum is:

We All Belong
“Hope will not be Silent” *(Harvey Milk)*

The forum is aligned with our efforts to embed character and cultural proficiency into our daily practice, encouraging a safer and more inclusive school environment. Participants will experience two keynote presentations and gain valuable information from a variety of educational workshops regarding Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Two Spirit, and Queer (LGBTQ) youth

Date: October 23, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Location: North Grenville Municipal Complex, Kemptville

Lunch and snacks will be provided

Schedule	
8:45 - 9:00	Arrival and Registration
9:00	Opening Remarks
9:15	Director David K Thomas
9:45 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker - Rima Dib
10:45 - 11:45	Workshop 1
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch (provided)
12:45 - 1:45	Workshop 2
1:45 - 2:30	Keynote Speaker - Calvin Neufeld
2:30	Closing Message
2:45	Departure

Each school may register up to 15 students before the end of the day on **Friday, October 11th**. The Forum is intended for students from Grades 7 to 12. Please click on the following link below to register - [Youth Equity and Inclusion Forum - Survey](#) (If spots are available you will be able to indicate if you want more students registered)

Workshop descriptions will be forwarded to supervising teachers prior to the forum date. Pre-registration for workshops is not required.

Each school will receive release time for 1 teacher. The account code is **1850-00-100/400-00-10-387**. Schools are encouraged to send additional staff at the school's expense.

Transportation costs will be provided for participants of the forum. Further details will be sent to schools in the next few weeks. Students will be returning to the school after bus departure.

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