



News release

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High school student leaders are empowered to lead

Everett Public Schools hosts third annual summit



[Everett, WA] – The Everett Public Schools will host its Annual Empower to Lead Summit presented by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department to promote awareness, networking and inclusion around the issues of social justice leading to increased student sense of belonging and positive action in their school community.

The last year the event took place was February of 2020, just weeks before the pandemic shutdown in-person learning.

This year's event will feature a keynote address by author Darryl Foto, a Pacific Northwest spoken word poet and author. Attendees will then choose between breakout sessions whose topics were developed from feedback from student groups. Those topics include:

- The Poetic Lens
- Being Yourself in a Sometimes-Hostile World
- Self. Peers. Greater Community – and in that order!
- Microaggressions – Reframing Dis/ability

Joi Grant, the director of diversity, equity and inclusion says, “We want students to leave with an overflow of joy, have an increased sense of belonging and feel empowered with and urgency to make a difference in their peer group, school and or community!”

This event is only open to high school students who applied and were invited to attend next Wednesday, March 8, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway Everett, WA 98201.

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