



News release

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Everett Public Schools hosts annual empower to lead summit



[Everett, WA] — Everett Public Schools will host its annual social justice summit, Empower to Lead, on Friday, February 23 at the Community Resource Center. Presented by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department, the event's goal is 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.

"We want students to leave with an increased spirit of joy, sense of belonging and feel empowered with an urgency to make a difference in their peer group, school and or community," expressed Joi Grant, director of the diversity, equity and inclusion department.

Dennis Moton, a product systems analyst with the district's learning

and information technology services (LITS), will be delivering the keynote address, "Be You, Elevating the Joy Within."

Learning outcomes for participants include:

- New perspectives about social justice and the intersections of equity
- How to be an equity advocate for their school community
- Leading with innovative tools on how to address and lead from a role of influence with our district core values, passion, respect, integrity to foster and embrace diversity through shared responsibility
- Post-graduation opportunities and the resources available

Attendees will choose between breakout sessions whose topics were developed from feedback from student groups. Those topics include:

- Chosen Family: How to Maintain the Family Dynamic
- Elevating Joy by Advocating for Others
- FAFSA/WAFSA 201: Empowerment Through Financial Aid and Degree Partnership Programming
- Mental Health Mojo: Tools for Coping and Thriving
- Microaggression 101

This event is only open to high school students who applied and were invited to attend from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Resource Center, 3900 Broadway Everett, WA 98201.

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