



To Whom It May Concern:

The One Vision One Voice program's PowerUp! Youth Symposium will take place on **February 24, 2022 from 1 – 4 PM**. The symposium is an inspiring and uplifting experience for Black/African-Canadian youth participants with connections to Black history, culture, and activism. This event is interactive, informative, educational, and will support the development of leadership skills, critical thinking, and community collaboration. Last year over 250 young people from across the province attended the event.

The event is 3 hours in length and will feature appearances from OACAS senior leaders, community leaders, elders, social workers, and African-Canadian artists as well as a spoken word interactive workshop facilitated by professional teaching poets. As this event is during school hours some youth may need excused school time to attend. We also suggest youth that participate in the PowerUp! event receive credit for 3 hours of community involvement towards their requirement to graduate high school, if applicable.

If you have any questions about the PowerUp! Youth Symposium, or the *One Vision One Voice* program, I invite you to visit our website at www.oacas.org/onevisiononevoice, or please feel free to contact me via email at kfacey@oacas.org.

With many thanks,

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