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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORY COMPETITION

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is excited to host its third annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratory Competition. This year's theme, "Reconstructing the Future: The Hard Reset!" aims to ignite a spirit of change and inspiration among the youth. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at the Santee Convention Center, located at 1737 Bass Dr., Santee, SC 29142, beginning at 6:00 pm.

This esteemed competition will feature 14 school oratory winners from OCSD's elementary schools, each bringing a unique perspective and voice to the stage. These talented students will use the power of public speaking to inspire and engage the community, reflecting on the profound question posed by Dr. King, "What is your Life's Blueprint?"

"The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratory Competition is not just a platform for our young orators to shine; it's a beacon of hope and inspiration for our entire community. As these young minds articulate their visions for a brighter future, they pay homage to Dr. King's enduring legacy. We are truly proud to witness the passion and potential of our students as they embody the spirit of Dr. King's dream," said Mr. Hayward Jean, Director of Student Services at OCSD.

The competition promises to be a memorable event, culminating in the recognition of all participants and the much-anticipated announcement of the top three winners. The guidelines for the competition are meticulously outlined in the provided packet to ensure schools are well-prepared for this spectacular showcase of talent and vision.

OCSD warmly invites the community to join in celebrating the voices of our youth as they take this significant step in their journey of personal and academic growth.

Orangeburg County School District

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