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# News Release

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## **Students Take Stand on Social Justice On October 5th**

On **Monday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sun Centre** (next to the Canad Inns Stadium), students from the St. James-Assiniboia School Division will gather to take a stand at a full-day **Youth Forum on Social Justice**. They will listen, learn and plan for change in their schools and larger communities.

American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." St. James-Assiniboia School Division Chief Superintendent Ron Weston agrees. "It is our young people that are leading their communities in activism for social change and it is our role as educators to provide opportunities for discussion to facilitate this change." The Youth Forum co-chairs, Rex Ferguson-Baird and Jane Couch have arranged a stellar lineup of speakers for the event; keynote speaker **David Northcott** (Winnipeg Harvest), **Steve Dick** (Habitat for Humanity), **Stephanie Fulford** (Resource Conservation Manitoba), **Chris Schroeder and Danny Mackay** (World Vision) and **Francine Wiebe** (Gone Fishing Club). "The speakers will provide very different perspectives on how the students can work to change their world", says Ferguson-Baird. "We are hoping to inspire students and staff to look beyond themselves and create opportunities for change in a positive manner."

Media are welcome to attend this event. For more information please contact Rex Ferguson-Baird at Brooklands School, 633-9630 or Jane Couch at Stevenson-Britannia School, 832-1359.

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