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Dear SOTA Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to let you know that on Friday, February 16, 2018 School of the Arts will present *Black Lives Matter at SOTA Day*. This event will involve all students in all grade levels. The day features student musical, dance and dramatic performances. In addition, there will be classroom activities, poetry readings, a special Southern Style lunch menu, and a Visual Arts exhibit. This day is designed to give SOTA's student body an opportunity to create a dialogue toward understanding and unity around the issues affecting Black lives in our society.

The Black Lives Matter at SOTA Committee is comprised of faculty, staff and student representatives. Assisted by SOTA's Mosaics Club, this diverse group is dedicated to creating inspirational and educational opportunities which engage and unite the student body around the core issues affecting Black lives in our world today. This committee focuses on the promotion of diversity, encourages the practice of equity, helps to build understanding among all SOTA students, and works to actively engage our students to create pathways to freedom and justice for all people.

Black Lives Matter at SOTA Day will be structured to allow for a limited number of large group activities and break-out sessions. During scheduled class times, students and faculty will have the opportunity to partake in other classroom activities and lessons throughout the day.

You may find information from the Rochester City School District about Black Lives Matter at School by visiting their website at <http://blacklivesmatterarschool.org/>.

Black Lives Matter at SOTA Day promises to be a productive educational enrichment experience for all our students. If you have any questions about the Black Lives Matter at SOTA Day, please contact Adele Fico, Art Center Director at 585-242-7682 ext. 1551. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelly Nicastro
Principal