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FOSTER STUDENTS VOICES TO BE HEARD
FHS SENIORS PRESENT RELEVANT PSA PROJECTS

Tukwila, WA: Foster High School graduating seniors will conduct a video screening of public service announcements developed collaboratively as part of a project required from both their Civics and English Language Arts classes on June 5th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Performing Arts Center of said school. The projects are the result of months of work where students identified community issues they care about, engaged in research, collection of data, and filmed and edited video to produce a PSA. Students synthesized information and will convey their findings and a call to action via a Public Service Announcement as a requirement for graduation.

“This culminating project allows seniors to engage civically and present possible solutions to issues they feel are relevant in their community,” said Emily DeJulio, a senior English teacher at Foster. Students interviewed various stakeholders throughout the Tukwila community regarding issues such as affordable housing, water pollution and the Duwamish River, gang activity in our community, and mental health services available for young people, among many other issues. In addition, they conducted surveys and gathered data to use in the development of their projects.

Students will present their PSA in the PAC of Foster to involve the community and be able to express concerns and possible solutions to issues they feel are relevant and affect them personally. “This project enables students to have a voice and the opportunity to demonstrate that they are involved, engaged with, and concerned about their community, just like anybody else,” said Andrea Gamboa, a Foster Civics teacher.

Student culminating projects will be presented in an open video screening on June 5th from 6:30-8:30 at Foster High School where students will be joined by the Tukwila mayor, members of Tukwila City Council, as well as members of the Tukwila School District School Board. All members of the Tukwila community, and Tukwila School District are encouraged to attend. Aracelis Urbina, an English teacher at the school said, “Students are excited to invite the community to see the product of all their hard work, but most importantly to show Tukwila that

even though they are young and graduating, that they are still present and have a voice that they wish to use for positive change.”