2021 KETTERING
Board of Community Relations

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Writing Contest

To encourage Kettering residents to reflect on the life and teachings of Dr. King and to promote his dream and legacy for America, the Board of Community Relations is sponsoring a writing contest for Kettering students. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote and delivered many important speeches. He advocated for civil rights, non-violent protest, and equality for all people. His words were eloquent, powerful, and are still used today to inspire people to work toward creating a better world.

In this prompt, we ask you to write a speech (500 words or less) with the purpose of motivating your fellow students (or people in general) to work together on a goal that you believe would make the world a better place. Your focus should specifically address a current or recent issue, such as kids being separated from parents at the border, lack of access to technology while schools are shut down, incidents of racial injustice, or political division in our country.

Try to incorporate your own experience, if possible. How have you been affected by or involved in the issue you choose to address?

> *Before you write, think about:*
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> *•WHAT goal do you want your listeners to work toward?*
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> *•HOW can your listeners help achieve that goal?*
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> *•WHY should your listeners want to help?*
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> *•WHAT can you say to inspire and encourage your listeners to work together?*

Contest Criteria:

- Open to students in grades 6 through 12 who reside in or attend any school in Kettering.

- Submissions must be submitted by Friday, January 5, 2020.

- **Submissions must be made on-line at a google form link that is accessed at:**
  https://www.ketteringoh.org/martin-luther-king-jr-essay-contest/

- First and second place winners will be invited to attend a City Council meeting for recognition and a small gift.

- Submissions that do not meet the criteria, that plagiarize others' work, or that do not include a complete application form will not be considered.

- Written submissions & photos of winners may be shared publicly with the student and parents' permission.

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