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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to Teach Seventh Grade “Teach For America” Class

The President’s 30-minute lesson will focus on the importance of civic participation as young people

Baltimore, MD (February 8, 2007) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will participate in Teach For America Week 2007 by teaching a seventh grade class at Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle School on Friday morning, February 9, 2007. The President’s lesson will focus on the importance of participation in a democratic society. As the youngest person ever elected to a Baltimore City Council seat, President Rawlings-Blake wants to instill the values of participation in Baltimore’s youth, and show them that young people can make a difference, regardless of their inability to vote.

“I was always involved in different community activities as a child, and I credit those experiences to where I am today,” noted President Rawlings-Blake. “I want to get through to the young people of Baltimore that regardless of their economic situation, or their life experiences, they have a unique opportunity to change their community for the better. That’s what we’ll be talking about on Friday.”

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and become leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. Their mission is to enlist our nation’s most promising future leaders in the movement to eliminate educational inequality.

The President’s lesson will include interactive activities that will illustrate to the students the importance of inclusion and teamwork. In addition, the students will be asked to brainstorm in groups their options as young people to help resolve modern issues in their own communities.

“I expect to use my experiences to help guide the students in these activities,” President Rawlings-Blake continued. “But most of all, I hope they can find within themselves certain abilities and talents that perhaps have gone undiscovered.”

WHAT: Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake’s lesson to a seventh grade class

WHERE: Mt. Royal Elementary / Middle School
121 McMechen Street
Baltimore, MD 21217

WHEN: Friday, February 9, 2007
Lesson will begin at 9:30am

WHY: Teach For America Week 2007

Media is welcome to attend this event. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Shaun Adamec, Communications Director, at the numbers above.

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