



MEDIA INVITE

Sisler High School to hold Provincial Leaders forum

March 8, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media and local community members are invited to join staff and students at Sisler High School on **Wednesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.** for a Provincial Leader's Forum on Youth Issues.

Sisler's Political Youth (SPY) has begun a proud tradition of hosting political debates to better inform students about the issues important to youth. Last September, SPY hosted a federal candidates' forum with turnout from all major parties attending. During Winnipeg's last municipal election, all but one candidate for mayor attended the SPY forum.

"Our political forums attract over 200 students and people from the local community," said Greg Shedden, Sisler's Social Sciences Department Head. "Students enjoy hearing the candidates address issues that are important to them, and like to be informed when they are making their decision to vote."

All party leaders have been invited to the event and Liberal, Green and Communist Parties have confirmed their attendance. As with previous forums, each candidate is furnished with the same five questions created by Sisler students prior to the forum. The questions deal with topics ranging from employment to mental health. All candidates will receive equal opportunity to introduce themselves to the audience and to address the topic of each question.

"Our students really hope the remaining party leaders confirm their attendance," said Shedden. "We saw in the recent federal election a renewed interest among youth to get out and vote – and we know it's because they felt re-engaged and informed." Shedden says the Sisler Political Youth Leaders Forum is the kind of opportunity that connects youth to politicians.

What: Provincial Party Leaders' Forum

Who: James Beddome, Green Party Leader
Darrel Rankin, Communist Party Leader
Rana Bokhari, Liberal Party Leader
Brian Pallister, Conservative Party Leader **(to be confirmed)**
Greg Selinger, New Democratic Party Leader **(to be confirmed)**
Sisler's Political Youth

When: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Where: Sisler High School,
1360 Redwood Ave., Winnipeg, MB (Taras Korol Theatre)

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