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## 1-20-10 Report to the School Board

Good evening Trustees and Dr. Roberts.

### DISTRICT UPDATES

#### **Youth Senate *Fight Poverty in Africa* Project**

The *Fight Poverty in Africa* project's Dance Committee spent part of their Martin Luther King Jr. Day at a district meeting to discuss its Annual Benefit Dance. The students discussed expenses, themes and ways to promote the dance to all Ann Arbor high school students. The Committee members also decided to donate a portion of the Africa Project's proceeds to Haitian relief efforts. The dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Michigan Union. We welcome the help of volunteers and hope to have Trustees as Chaperones again this year.

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### **Huron Shows Support for Haiti**

In an effort to show their support for the victims of the earthquake that took place in Haiti, Huron High School students will be wearing red and blue, the colors of the Haitian flag, during Finals Week. The University of Michigan Medical School and Huron are partnering with a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) to sell rubber bracelets and send the proceeds to Haiti. Students are also in the process of designing and selling T-shirts as a fundraiser for Haiti. All of this began when a Youth Senator created a Facebook Event for the cause. We are fortunate to have generous classmates who are willing to support those in need.

#### **Pioneer High School's *Future Stars* Finals**

Future Stars is Pioneer's annual talent show held by the Pioneer High School Theater Guild. This year's Future Stars Finals took place on Saturday, January 16 in Schreiber Auditorium. Fifteen finalists were chosen from four previous shows and all acts were sing or dance. Through a set of votes by the audience, the competition ended with a tie between Ryan Yanck (Elton John) and John Spalding (Luther Vandross). The students truly outdid themselves in this year's show.

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***NOTE: Youth Senate Reports do not necessarily represent the beliefs and opinions of the entire district student body, nor any respective high school's entire student body. The Senate Reports to the School Board are always opportunities for diverse student voices to be heard.***

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**Thank you for listening to the Youth Senate's Report, and have a good evening!**

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