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## **Compassion is theme for student art work, live performances featured at Friday summit**

Student visual, performance, and digital arts work featuring the theme of compassion will be highlighted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Showcase Summit of student art and videos at the on **Friday, April 28 at the Serna Center Community Rooms**. City of Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg is the special guest speaker and Council Member Rick Jennings and Sue Keister of the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) will emcee the event.

Nicole Forsyth, President and CEO of RedRover, a 30-year old organization that works to bring animals out of crisis said RedRover participates in the event because of what it means to the community. "RedRover believes teaching Social and Emotional Learning in classrooms benefits not only the students, but also the community." She added, "We are excited to sponsor the Sacramento City Unified School District's Art of Compassion event and display the wonderful artwork made by students."

The student work will be displayed between 5 -6 p.m. and also displayed at the following venues after the event: the offices of the Mayor, U.S. Representative Doris Matsui, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, Assemblymember Jim Cooper, RedRover headquarters and the Yoga Seed Collective Studio. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

**WHO:** Students, educators, parents, SCUSD Superintendent José Banda, City of Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Sacramento Vice-Mayor Rick Jennings, Member Rick Jennings, SCUSD Board Member Darrel Woo, Ret. Sacramento Superior Court Judge Barry Loncke

**WHAT:** Student art exhibit; student music and poetry performances; student video productions and summit on social emotional learning in Sacramento schools; address by Mayor Steinberg on "The Power of Community," awards and scholarship presentation

**WHEN:** Friday, April 28, 2017  
Student art exhibit: 5-6 p.m.; Program: 6-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Serna Center Community Rooms  
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