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School Services and STARS Help Students Be Safe

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 24, 2008) – MNPS Student Services School Security Office and Students Taking A Right Stand (STARS) will host their 12th Safe Schools Summit, Thursday, Sept. 25, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Woodmont Hills Family of God Church, 3710 Franklin Road. This year's theme is "You-th Makin' 2."

Started more than 10 years ago, this annual event keeps students engaged in a united effort to address issues of school atmosphere and safety. The Safe Schools Summit effectively assists students in maintaining their individual safety and securing a safer environment in their schools. During the summit, students will be provided with resources that may be used in their schools to continue safety efforts throughout the academic year.

This year's summit was planned entirely by a student committee comprised of student volunteers from the Director's Counsel and Teens Making a Change. Students will also facilitate small group discussions and activities, aided by adults.

The speakers for the 2008 summit include Edward DeJesus, founder and president of Youth Development Research Fund, Inc. (YDRF). He will be joined by YDRF colleagues Jaracus Cope and Jeffery Zamoff. Special guests for the day will be David A. Fox, chair of the Board of Education, and Nashville Mayor Karl Dean.

Metro Nashville Public Schools provide a range of educational opportunities to more than 75,000 students in Nashville and Davidson County. The governing body for MNPS is the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Board of Public Education, a nine-member group elected by residents of Metropolitan Nashville. For more information, please visit www.mnps.org.

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