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Media Advisory

- What:** The Center for Healthy Schools and Communities will conclude its two year African American Oral History project with an exhibition opening and book release of *The Griots of Oakland: Voices from the African American Oral History Project*. The event is free of charge, youth featured in the book will be signing autographs, and refreshments will be provided.
- Partners in the project are Story For All, the Oakland Unified School District's Office of African American Male Achievement, and the African American Museum and Library at Oakland.
- Where:** The Exhibition Opening and Book Release will be at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland 659 14th Street, Oakland.
- When:** Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. The program will begin at 5 p.m.
- Who:** The event will be M.C.'d by local personality, Davey D and will feature several of the 100 Oakland Griots ages 6-24, who were interviewed for the project. The event is open to the public with anticipated attendance of up to 400 to include local government officials, OUSD leadership, community partners, and the young men who are featured in the book and exhibition.
- Interview Oppt:** Participant youth will be signing books throughout the event and will also be available for interviews. Book sale proceeds will benefit other equity based programs throughout Alameda County.

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