Over 200 Middle and High School Students Gather to Tackle Global Issues
Two-day conference in Seattle includes international students, workshops, keynotes, Lt. Gov. Habib

On March 22 and 23, over 200 students and teachers will gather at Chief Sealth International High School for the fourth annual Washington State Global Issues Network (WAGIN) Conference, a two-day international event led by local students seeking to tackle global issues, learn together, and spark lasting change.

The conference theme is “Action For Sustainability Now,” which focuses on immediate action students can take to make a lasting impact on issues like climate change, food security and racial justice.

The conference brings together students and teachers from the Seattle area and three states (Colorado, Texas, and Florida), as well as four countries (Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and South Korea). Each team of students will lead a workshop in which they share what they are doing to take action on one (or more) of the twenty global issues outlined by the Global Issues Network.

Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib will address the conference at dinner on Friday. Other keynote speakers include Jorge Baron (Northwest Immigrant Rights Project), a panel of UW climate scientists, Andrea Rodgers (one of the lead attorneys representing the 21 youth suing the federal government over climate change), Erin Jones, and a group of youth environmental activists from all over North America called Earth Guardians. Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau will also address the conference on Friday.

WHO: Over 200 students and teachers passionate about tackling global challenges
WHEN: Friday March 22 (10am - 7pm) and Saturday March 23 (8am - 4pm)

**Lt. Gov. Habib to address students on Friday (3/22) at 5:30 p.m.
**Student organizers, teachers and speakers available on request for interview

WHERE: Chief Sealth International High School
2600 SW Thistle St
Seattle, WA 98126

SCHEDULE:

- Friday, 11:00-11:20 am - Opening Ceremony
- Friday, 5:30-6:10 pm - dinner and speech by Lt. Governor Habib
- Saturday, 2:40-3:30 pm - presentation by representatives from youth activism group Earth Guardians
- Saturday, 3:30-4:00 pm - Closing Ceremony

You can view the full conference schedule and more details at [http://globalissuesnetwork.org/wagin2019/](http://globalissuesnetwork.org/wagin2019/).