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### **MAYOR BEN WALSH TO DELIVER STATE OF THE CITY AT PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AT FOWLER ON JAN. 31**

#### **Walsh will conduct afternoon preview for students representing all city high schools**

Syracuse, N.Y. – Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh will conduct his first State of the City address at the Public Service Leadership Academy at Fowler at 7 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Earlier the same day, Mayor Walsh will deliver a preview of the address at PSLA for high school students who serve on the Superintendent's Student Cabinet. The preview will be followed by small group design sessions for student input on key topics covered in the address. The preview and design sessions, which will take place at 11:30 a.m. at PSLA, will be facilitated by the city's Innovation Team.

"The State of the City is an opportunity to show off the progress we are making in our schools, and I look forward to doing that. More important, it is a chance to engage with our young people, show them we care about what they think and get them involved," Walsh said. "We hope the students who come to the preview will help us spread the word that all city school students and their parents are invited to the State of the City."

To encourage student participation, the Innovation Team is asking all city school students to share their ideas for the city via social media by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. Students can tweet their ideas and the name of their high school using #SCSDideas.

"The State of the City continues the dialogue I want to have with the people of the city. We will talk about the big challenges facing the city and share our ideas to overcome the problems and capture the opportunities. Afterwards, my team and I will be here to listen," Walsh said.

At the 7 p.m. address, the public will also be able to provide input and ideas for the next Priority Area for the Innovation Team in 2018. Each year, the i-team focuses on one challenge facing the city, and uses a data-driven approach to create and implement innovative solutions.

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