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## **Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament to Host Forum on Youth Violence with Community Members**

Brampton -In response to the growing incidents of drugs, guns, gangs, and violence amongst youth in Brampton Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament for Brampton Springdale has joined with the Brampton-Springdale Youth Advisory Council (BSYAC), teachers, principals, and community members, to host a forum on Youth Violence.

BSYAC was created to empower youth to actively participate in designing and developing solutions for issues and challenges that confront them.

On March 26th 2009, BSYAC will present its first annual Youth Forum in partnership to listen to the ideas and solutions for a safer community.

"Youth are the future of our city and community. We must ensure youth are empowered and have a voice in making the change they want to see happen. This forum will allow for greater dialogue between youth and community members to discuss strategies and solutions on the issue of youth violence" says Dr. Dhalla.

In attendance will be representatives from the Region of Peel, Members of Parliament, Peel Police as well as Brampton families who have lost their sons and daughters as victims to youth violence in Brampton this past year. These families will share their stories and provide feedback for initiatives to create greater collaboration between all community residents and stakeholders to build a safer community.

The Forum will take place on March 26th 2009 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Century Gardens Recreation Centre (Room 3) located at 340 Vodden Street East. Everyone is invited to voice their ideas, opinions, concerns, and solutions.

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