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## City Partners with School for Essay Contest

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg has formed a unique partnership to help educate students on their local government.

The Virginia Municipal League (VML), of which Harrisonburg is a member, puts out a call for entries for its annual essay contest. The theme is “If I Were Mayor” and is open to all seventh grade students in Virginia.

“Promoting local government to our youth in the community is important,” explained Mayor Christopher Jones. “Our youth of today will be our leaders tomorrow and we want to provide them with a strong foundation of how their local government operates and how they can be an active participant.”

Several seventh grade students at Eastern Mennonite School have submitted essays for this contest.

The winners will be announced in early January and have the chance to win monetary prizes. The winners and their teachers are recognized at a special ceremony in Richmond.

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