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Yakima students learn steps to address substance abuse and bullying prevention

Taproot Theatre's touring company performs in Yakima school district March 6 and 7.

[Seattle, WA] Students in the Yakima school district will see Taproot Theatre's productions of *13 Floors High*, addressing the dangerous effects of substance abuse, and *Elementary School Survivor* addressing bullying and harassment on March 6 and 7. The dynamic theatrical productions focus on social issue awareness with profound significance to students and school culture. *13 Floors High* and *Elementary School Survivor* will perform at Union Gap School on March 6. *13 Floors High* will perform at Wilson Middle School and Lewis and Clark Middle School on March 7.

In its second year of touring *13 Floors High* powerfully addresses the issue of substance abuse for middle and high school students. *13 Floors High* demonstrates the need for personal and social responsibility, the dangerous effects of peer pressure, and the price of substance abuse on everyone involved.

"Your production of 13 Floors High was right on the mark. Each of us had interactions with students that would not have taken place without first having seen your production."
Corey Millard, Discovery Alternative High School, Port Orchard.

Entering its fourth year of touring, *Elementary School Survivor* addresses the issues of bullying and harassment. Utilizing the Committee for Children's "Steps to Respect" bullying prevention program, Taproot Theatre has drawn on its resources to bring added relevance to the school touring productions.

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“Bullying is a very real and relevant topic. You [Taproot Theatre] presented it in such a way as to show everyone’s role in it as well as beginning to show everyone responsibility.” Travis Blue, John Marshall Alternative, Seattle.

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and an Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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