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I am Timaya Pulliam, a proud black tenth grade female student at Sherwood High School - Home of the Warriors. This past fall, I recall my homeroom teacher sharing information about a new club entitled, Warriors 4 Change. I became excited about a new opportunity to share my ideas and thoughts pertaining to a subject I am extremely passionate about: *social justice*. One of my leadership roles is team captain of a committee in Warriors 4 Change. Here, I work diligently to emphasize the importance of *ALL* people. I lead discussions around current and past events based on race, religion, and culture and how they affect our members and our society. I also create many social media posts teaching about various holidays, people, and social issues @warriors4change_shs instagram and twitter.

As a black female, I am very aware of what it is like when others have low expectations based on one's race and gender. My mother always taught me that I must advocate for myself as well as for others. I must not assume that others will have my best interest. Therefore, I realize that I may have to work twice as hard to achieve success towards my goals. I have learned to advocate for myself and encourage others to speak out about injustices too. Motivating others to become involved with social issues is very important to me.

Being a black female leader for Warriors 4 Change makes me proud as I believe in working for the good of *ALL* people. I am inspired to lead and do my best as I represent myself and my peers by not only speaking out against social injustices, but by celebrating the great accomplishments of others, past and present.