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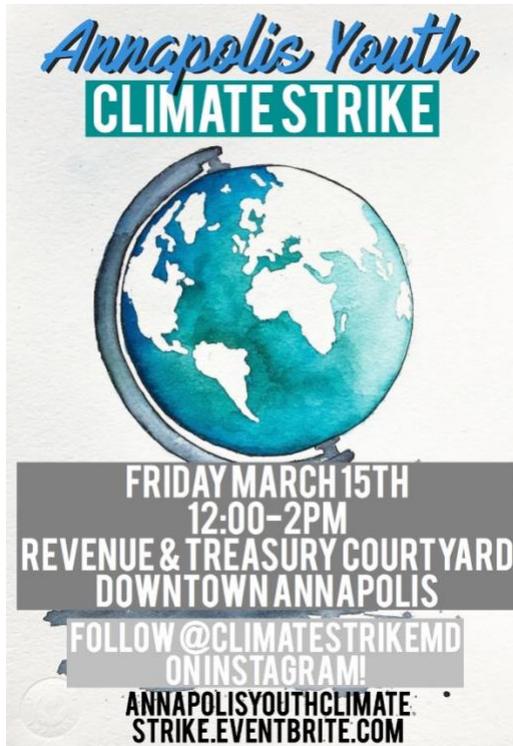
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Students to Gather for Youth Climate Strike March 15 in Annapolis**



**ANNAPOLIS** – Maryland students will gather steps from the State House from noon to 2 p.m. on March 15 to hold a climate strike to demand legislative action to address the effects of climate change.

The youth-led rally aims to give high school students, many of whom can't vote yet due to their age, a voice in supporting policies to limit the negative effects of a warming climate.

The students will gather at the Revenue and Treasury Courtyard at 80 Calvert Street in Annapolis for the rally. Around 1 p.m. they plan to march from the courtyard to the Annapolis City Dock. They'll be supporting legislation in the Maryland General Assembly such as the Healthy Green Amendment, the Clean Energy Jobs Act, and bills that protect oysters in the Chesapeake and the state's forests. More than 50 students as well as other environmental advocates are expected to attend the rally and march.

The Youth Climate Strike is being organized by Amelia Farrell, a 17-year-old junior who attends Annapolis High School. Farrell wants to make it clear to her peers and Maryland residents that they can do something to speak up against the limited efforts to fight climate change.

"I want to pressure legislators to prepare for our future," Farrell said. "There shouldn't be any more waiting."

The rally will be emceed by Devan Ogburn, an American University student, who is the former president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Student Bay Advisory Council and served two terms as the President of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. Kallan Benson, a 15-year-old Crownsville resident, who is [undertaking a silent protest](#) to support the Healthy Green Amendment, will also join the rally.

The event is designed to be a fun-filled, colorful protest featuring climate change hopscotch, a giant inflatable globe, climate change-related games, and political art. More information about the Youth Climate Strike can be found on the [event's website](#).