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**STUDENTS TO SHOW OFF CODING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE CITY SERVICES**

The City of Baltimore through a partnership between the Department of General Services (DGS), the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology, and Code in the Schools are building a competitive local labor force and a pipeline for computational careers within city government. The collaboration is culminating with a Student Showcase. The showcase allows the students to present their code based solutions to the Department of General Services and other Baltimore City agency leaders.

During the pilot of this new partnership program, high school students built foundational computer science skills in Python (a computer coding language) through secondary education computer science courses at Code in the Schools, and are using these skills to work with the Department of General Services on real challenges. The two projects the students are completing are a DGS Twitter Bot and a DGS Mobile Facilities Maintenance Program Dashboard.

**WHAT:** Code in the Schools/DGSStudent Showcase

**WHEN**: Thursday, May 24, 2018, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**WHERE**: Impact Hub

10 E North Avenue

Baltimore, MD

**WHO**:

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