

Males of Color Initiatives in America's Great City Schools: Coordinating a Citywide Summit or with City Hall

Follow Through on the Pledge: As of January 15, 2016

COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS

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City School System	Held Citywide Summit and/or Coordinating with City Hall or other partners
Albuquerque	Convened "My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge Student Summit in January 2015 to assess needs, set priorities, and define goals.
Anchorage	Held a community dialogue on issues with the NAACP on February 18, 2015.
Austin	Communicated to all media and meeting opportunities about issues related to Males of Color. Partnering with Greater Calvary Rites of Passage, Inc. to prevent destructive behaviors; the African American Youth Harvest Foundation on culturally relevant family services; University of Texas at Austin on Project Males (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success; Communities in Schools on leadership development and support; Austin Voices for Education and Youth on youth empowerment; the Austin Urban League on the Young Men's Leadership Academy; the University of Texas on equity symposia; Prairie View A&M University and justice system on changing counterproductive behaviors.
Broward County	Developed work groups with internal and external stakeholders, e.g., the Committee for Eliminating the School-House to Jail-House Pipeline. ¹
Clark County (Las Vegas)	Working cooperatively with City of Las Vegas around "My Brother's Keeper" Initiative which aims to close achievement gaps and address the disproportionate number of African-American and Hispanic men who are unemployed or in the criminal justice system.

¹ From Rethinking School Discipline, July 22, 2015.

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Columbus	<p>Partner on early-childhood initiatives with Ohio State University, the city’s Early –Start Columbus initiative, the YMCA Head Start program, and the Franklin County Early Childhood center</p> <p>Partnering with American Electric Power and Columbus State Community College on dual enrollment STEM courses at two schools.</p> <p>Partnering with Diplomas Now, Communities in Schools, City Year, Directions for Youth and Families, I Know I Can, Project Key, Learn 4 Life, and Learning Circle on attendance, discipline, and academic issues.</p> <p>Superintendent was appointed to Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force, and district partners with children’s hospital, and others on children’s health issues.</p>
Dayton	<p>Participate in the City of Learners initiative and align activities to district goals, metrics, and reporting.</p> <p>Collaborate with the city on a Males of Color Go Back to School Event.</p>
District of Columbia	<p>Announced \$20 million “Empowering Males of Color” initiative with the mayor and partners on January 21, 2015. Built around a three-pronged theory of action: Engage students, family and community; improve and expand implementation of research-based strategies; innovate and challenge approaches to improving achievement.</p> <p>Held fund-raiser lunch for a male academy and follow-up activities.</p>

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El Paso	<p>One of three districts statewide selected for participation in Project MALES (Mentoring to Achieve Latino Educational Success). Project is led by The University of Texas and Texas A&M.</p> <p>Engaged in partnership with the University of Texas at El Paso to establish a collaborative mentorship program at one high school. The university will select graduates from the selected high school for continued mentorship at the university level.</p> <p>Attended Texas Consortium for Male Students of Color Summer Leadership Summit in June 2014. Scheduled to attend in August 2015.</p> <p>Met with El Paso Community College Project MALES representatives to discuss opportunities for collaboration on student mentorship.</p> <p>In the process of establishing a partnership with the United Way to support the Campaign for Grade Level Reading</p> <p>Alternative High School contracts with the El Paso Child Guidance Center to provide trauma counseling to students assigned to the campus.</p> <p>In the process of developing a leadership academy for mentored students.</p>
Fort Worth	Held "My Brother's Keeper Summit on February 21, 2015
Houston	<p>Partnering with the mayor and city department of health to implement MBK. Management team created.</p> <p>Goals include having males of color entering school ready to learn, reading at grade level by third grade, graduating from high school ready for college and career, completing post-secondary education or training, successfully entering the workforce, and reducing crime and violence and providing a second chance.</p> <p>Was involved in MBK summit in Houston on November 134, 2014. Follow up involved 12 focus groups.</p>
Indianapolis	<p>Partnering with the mayor, Indiana Black Expo, and the Indiana Civil Rights Commission on the Your Life Matters (YLM) Task Force. The task force includes 115 organization, agencies, and offices—and includes teams on education, employment, health, justice, and mentoring. The Indiana Black Expo (IBE) handles project management, data, management, and communications.</p>

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Kansas City	<p>Held the “Am I My Brother’s Keeper” conference with 150 high school student.</p> <p>Working with Citywide Gateway Crime Task Force</p> <p>Convened a Student Diversity Leadership Conference: Building An Appetite for Diversity for seniors from four high schools.</p> <p>Held a Multicultural Leadership Symposium with Metropolitan Community College and participated in the Big XII Conference on Black Student Government.</p>
Long Beach	Held “Students of Color Town Hall Meeting” on February 28, 2015
Milwaukee	Working with public health partners to ensure that students are immunized and ready for school.
Minneapolis	Partnered with the University of Minnesota to develop a special curriculum for African American males centered around the Black male experience and history with a focus on character development and leadership. BLACK (Building Lives Acquiring Cultural Knowledge) courses will be taught by local community experts in classes no larger than 20 students.
Palm Beach County	Convened “My Brother’s Keeper Community Challenge Student Summit in January 2015 to assess needs, set priorities, and define goals. The Summit was led by the Chair of the County Commission in partnership with the School District
Philadelphia	Working with the office of the mayor on a citywide strategy
Portland	<p>Partnering with Portland Trailblazers of NBA on third-grade reading.</p> <p>Partnering with Mayor’s Black Male Achievement Initiative, AT&T, Aspire, Cisco, JP Morgan Chase, College Board, and Youth Gang Task Force.</p> <p>Vetting entire plan with office of the mayor, school board, executive leadership team, District Equity and Inclusion Council, Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council, Portland Association of Teachers, PTA, Pacific Educational Group,, Coalition of Communities of Color, Black Male Advisory Group, Coalition of Black Men, Delta Sigma Theta, Multnomah County Chair, All Hands Raised, Portland Business Alliance, City Club, Portland metro Education Collaborative.</p>

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Sacramento	<p>Co-Convended first My Brother's Keeper meeting with Systems Leaders in March 2015 along with Mayor.</p> <p>My Brother's Keeper Community Convening. Over 300 boys and girls of color (170+ from SCUSD) participated in community conversation about three MBK initiatives: education, employment and safety.</p>
San Francisco	<p>Convended My Brother's Keeper Local Action Summit in January, 2015 with the mayor and local foundations.</p> <p>Partnering with the mayor's office and the San Francisco Foundation.</p>