

Milwaukee Public Schools: Launches Black and Latino Male Achievement Department

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MILWAUKEE — This fall, Milwaukee Public Schools is launching the new Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement. This department will work specifically to address the glaring disparities in academic and life outcomes for young men and boys of color and to implement programs that improve their lives. On Monday morning, the new staff, city leaders and students will meet to discuss how this new effort will positively impact young men and boys of color, MPS and the city.

WHERE

Casimir Pulaski High School
2500 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215

WHEN

Monday, October 2nd at 11 a.m.

Superintendent Darienne Driver, Board President Mark Sain, BLMA Directors Juan Baez and Lanelle Ramey, and students will speak about how this department will play an important role in improving the lives of young men and boys of color and why this is a great opportunity for city of Milwaukee. MPS will be joined by the Bucks Entertainment Group, City Year, True Skool DJs and ProStart students serving food to help celebrate our young men and boys of color.

After the news conference, all media are invited to stay and observe students participating in a variety of interactive stations including:

- Poetry workshop based on manhood development
- True Skool printmaking
- STEM activity led by Rockwell Automation
- “Changing the narrative” conversation about the ways young men of color are often portrayed in the media and viewed in the community

About the Department of Black and Latino Male Achievement

Mission

Collaboratively create the systems, structures, and spaces that guarantee success for Black and Latino boys and young men in MPS.

Vision

Black and Latino boys and young men will possess an affirmed sense of identity, dignity and self-confidence and will have the necessary tools to triumphantly navigate college, career and life.

Priority Strategies

- Launch Manhood Development Academies
- Improve School Design, Culture, and Climate
- Promote Positive Narratives About Black and Latino Young Men
- Connect with Local and National Initiatives
- Recruit Black and Latino Male Teachers and Administrators
- Develop BLMA Sustainability Plan and Dashboard