

Milwaukee Public Schools: Black and Latino young men mentoring lunches

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Nearly 200 students across five MPS high schools meet monthly to discuss life and topics that impact them academically, socially and emotionally

MILWAUKEE (October 3, 2018) - The [Black and Latino Male Achievement Department](#) in Milwaukee Public Schools will kick off its monthly mentoring program serving nearly 200 young men and spanning five high schools on Thursday, October 4, at the Fiserv Forum.

Black and Latino male students in MPS will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch with Black and Latino male mentors while engaging in conversation on topics and areas to help them be successful academically, socially and emotionally. Started in fall, 2017, the First Thursday Mentor Luncheon program started with two sites and 60 students; this year, it will grow to five sites and nearly 200 students.

WHERE

Fiserv Forum
1111 Vel R. Phillips Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

WHEN

Thursday, October 4; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Conversations with our young men have been rich and diverse, including topics such as:

- Perspectives on authority and power; appropriate and inappropriate use of both
- Discussions on the importance of self-esteem and self-care for manhood
- Employment and careers, and understanding how public school education is a starting point to an ongoing road to success.

Mentors are Black and Latino men from Milwaukee and the surrounding area who have committed their time and are imparting their wisdom to MPS black and brown boys as they navigate an ever-challenging social landscape. These mentors do not have to be perfect; in fact, boys appreciate hearing stories of tribulation (perhaps similar to their own) that end in triumph. Interested mentors can contact BLMA at 414-475-8631, blma@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

BLMA Mission

The Department of Black & Latino Male Achievement will collaboratively create the systems, structures and spaces that guarantee success for all Black and Latino boys and young men in Milwaukee Public Schools.

BLMA 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.