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For Immediate Release

Urban Education Alliance Formed

Dayton, Ohio– The Black Man’s Think Tank has committed to improving the educational and social outcomes of students within Dayton Public, Trotwood-Madison, and Jefferson Township schools by forming an association called the Urban Education Alliance. It will hold its first public meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Longfellow Academy, 245 Salem Ave. from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Individuals and organizations, who support students, educators, and parents of students in the target school districts, are encouraged to attend. Each individual must RSVP by visiting www.bmtt.org or by calling (937) 732-5316.

The UEA will be a member organization of students, parents, educators, businesses, and concerned citizens devoted primarily to the learning and development of minority students in urban school systems. We have heard much about poor teacher quality and unfair school funding policies as reasons why Black children don’t do well in school. Yet with money poured into each, Dayton Public, Trotwood-Madison, and Jefferson Township are still the bottom three school districts in Montgomery County. In addition to teacher quality and equitable school funding, factors outside of school buildings also improve the educational and social outcomes of children. “We understand the value of the ‘village concept of raising a child’ and support the holistic needs of each child and the school system in which he or she attends. The UEA is our attempt to set the record straight on this matter”, stated Marlon Aldridge, President and CEO.

The UEA facilitates comprehensive support for students by organizing parents, teachers, professionals, and community organizations focused on preK-12 schools. It informs and educates teachers, parents, and organizational leaders about community-based resources that assist children as they persist through preK-16 educational programs. It also advocates for more rigorous coursework among students such as participation in enrichment or AP courses, college preparation and testing, and college coursework. The UEA advocates for measures that assure alignment of classroom curricula with educational standards and with culturally appropriate value constructs. Lastly, it develops or provides access to educational materials, curriculum, and programs that support the total needs of minority children and their families. Students, parents, educators, professionals, and community organizations that provide resources to children and schools may benefit by membership in this organization.

About Urban Education Alliance

The Urban Education Alliances’ mission is to support the learning and development of urban minority students by organizing and supporting UEA member activities. The UEA is a division of the Black Man’s Think Tank, Inc.

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