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***Dayton Unit NAACP Providing an Opportunity  
for the Community At-Large to Invest in Our Children's Education***

**DAYTON, OHIO - AUGUST 22, 2017** - The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a Town Hall titled ***“Moving Forward to Create a Culture of Schools, Homes, and Communities Working Together.”*** The event will be held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 at the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy located at 1923 W. Third St. The distinguished guest panelist will be Dr Robert C. Walker, President of the Dayton Board of Education; Sharon Goins, Principal, Thurgood Marshall STEM High School; Debra Corbin, Principal, Ponitz Career Tech Center; Dr. Donetrus Hill, Principal, Meadowdale High School; Karen Chicketti & Timothy McKinney, Assistant Principals, Meadowdale High School; and Crystal Phillips, Principal, Dunbar Early College High School. The moderator will be Lauretta Williams, Chair of the Dayton Unit NAACP Education Committee.

“Very few things in life can be done alone, that includes improving the quality of leadership, teaching, and learning within Dayton Public Schools,” said Williams. No longer can we afford to engage in confusion, conflict and criticism. Instead, we must come together, collaborate and create,” said Williams. “We are seeking the assistance of educators, administrators, parents, students and concerned citizens with developing a plan, in conjunction with the Dayton Public Schools, to ensure our children are receiving a high quality education, said Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Unit NAACP. Education opens doors to unlimited opportunities,” said Foward.

## *State of the Schools*

Founded in 1915, the Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to ***Inform, Educate*** and ***Empower*** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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