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***Dayton Unit NAACP Community Conversation  
About Proposed School Closings***

**DAYTON, OHIO - JANUARY 17, 2018** - The Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will host a Town Hall titled, ***“Schools Closing in Dayton.”*** The event will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy located at 1923 W. Third St. This will be an open community conversation with concerned Citizens, Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Students and past Graduates of schools that are affected. The moderator will be Laurretta 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 to present to DPS leadership as it relates to potential school closures,” said Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Unit NAACP. “There are currently 9 schools on the chopping blocks, with 8 of them being in West Dayton. We are highly concerned with the busing and displacement of West Dayton Students,” 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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