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## News Release

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### **Superintendent Gent to attend town hall meeting on range of black education, leadership issues February 25**

*A press conference with concerned community leaders will be held 11 a.m. February 20, 2014*

The Black Educators Caucus of Palm Beach County will host Superintendent E. Wayne Gent for a second town hall meeting, this one to seek answers to a range of concerns of black students, parents, teachers and administrators. He has pledged to fully respond to the concerns.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at the auditorium of Lake Worth Community High School, 1701 Lake Worth Road.

Ronald Leonard, Caucus president, said it is critical the community has the opportunity to talk directly with Mr. Gent. "Many of us educators have known Mr. Gent for years and respect him and his work," he said. "But there are concerns. He is coming up on two years in office. The buck stops with him."

Those concerns include:

- Academic performance of black male students;
- Cultural relations between Haitian and African-American students;
- Recruitment and retention of Haitian and African-American leadership; and
- A more inclusive professional development and training program for administrators and teachers of color.

A press conference with concerned community leaders will begin the discussion. It will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014, in Caucus offices, located at 401 North Rosemary Avenue in West Palm Beach, inside Cityside Suites.

The first town hall meeting with Mr. Gent was held in March 2012 in Riviera Beach to introduce the newly appointed superintendent to the black community.

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