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Noted black psychologist to address youth violence in 'community discussion' Tuesday

The Black Educators Caucus is partnering with the Black Youth Enrichment Association to sponsor the return of Dr. Umar Johnson, a Philadelphia-based expert in the education of students of color, this time to address a more pressing current concern: violence among young people of color.

Dr. Johnson will headline a community conversation about recent violence among young people in Palm Beach County to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Suncoast High School's auditorium, located at 1717 Avenue S. The event is free and open to the public.

In recent weeks, there have been several shootings, some fatal, of young, sometimes teenaged, people. The Caucus is concerned that some of this violence may spill into the public schools.

"We want to avoid that," said Ronald Leonard, Caucus president. "It is our hope that we can come together and not only discuss it, but seek solutions. Dr. Johnson is excellent at that."

Dr. Johnson is a nationally known psychologist who specializes in the education of children of color, especially African-American males. He has led workshops on related subjects for teachers and administrators in the School District of Palm beach County as well as for community leaders, parents and students. His website: www.drumarjohnson.com.

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