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Show Your Commitment to Your Children's Education:

Men and Male Role Models Asked to Take Their Children to School on September 22th

AKRON, OH - On September 22, 2016, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, godfathers, cousins, and other significant male caregivers and mentors are asked to take their children to school to show their support of their children's education.

When men are involved in their child's education, children perform better in school. When fathers and other male role models walk their children to school on September 22th, they are demonstrating to their children, as well as the community, that they think their children's education is important.

Employers are asked to allow fathers and other male caregivers to arrange their schedule in order to accompany their children to school and help get the school year started right. Men and their children should arrive 15-30 minutes before the starting bell. At official Fame Fathers Walk sites, they will be welcomed, given a lapel sticker to show they participated, and asked to complete the sign-in sheet. Some schools will have information and activities available. Fathers and other men will only go into schools if school staff invites them in. Otherwise, they will leave after their children enter the building.

If you are a father, visit www.FameFathers.org/walk and sign up to show your commitment to walk or drive your children to school on September 22th.

If you are a principal, visit www.FameFathers.org/walk and sign up to list your school as an official Fame Fathers Walk site.

If you are an elected official, faith leader, school board member, teacher, volunteer, or work for a local business, visit www.FameFathers.org/walk and sign up to show your support of the goals of the Fathers Walk.

We encourage everyone to form a group and get your entire community involved. Let's start the school year right with a parade of fathers and their children!

The Fame Fathers Walk was launched in Summit County in 2010 by Pastor Eugene Norris II, CEO of Charisma Community Connection/Fame Fathers. "We wanted to create an opportunity for fathers and other male role models to demonstrate that they are committed to their children's education. Walking them to school is a simple way to show the community that they care. And with more than 500 fathers participating the very first year, it was very effective!"

"This year, the focus is on preparing children for academic success," continues Norris. "We encourage schools to help fathers know what they can do to make this happen. The Fame Fathers Walk is a great opportunity to kick-off your efforts to do this. Summit Education Initiative is offering materials to help with this. [Click here to go to their web page.](#)"

The Fame Fathers Walk is coordinated by Fame Fathers and is supported by the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative; Stark County Fatherhood Coalition; Akron Public Schools and public/private schools throughout northeast Ohio; Summit County Council; the City of Akron; area PTA and PTO Councils; and Akron and Vicinity Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (AVIMA).

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