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## My Brother's Keeper

Milwaukee Public Schools' (MPS) implementation of President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative is initially centered on five of the six focus areas of the national effort. In each of the five areas, the district has outlined clear goals, along with current or potential partners and measurements to analyze progress. The focus areas and the related goals are:



### Focus Area 1 Attending School Ready to Learn

- ▶ Increase health screenings
- ▶ Eliminate suspensions/expulsions in early childhood settings

### Focus Area 2 Reading at Grade Level by Third Grade

- ▶ Increase joint and independent reading time outside of school and build a reading culture in more homes

### Focus Area 3 Graduating from High School Ready for College and Career

- ▶ Increase participation and success in AP courses
- ▶ Increase the attendance percentage of male students of color

### Focus Area 4 Entering the Workforce

- ▶ Increase the number of students participating in apprenticeships and internships

### Focus Area 5 Reducing Violence and Providing Second Chances

- ▶ Decrease the number of suspensions/expulsions across all grades



In addition to these areas of focus, MPS is conducting a policy review to better serve male students of color, focusing on increasing the number of male teachers of color, implementing professional development around cultural awareness and seeking to increase the number of adults participating in mentoring and volunteering.

To ensure a successful effort, MPS is producing an asset map of current resources to assist in the work as well as identifying additional needs and gaps and sustaining and expanding partnerships.

Finally, the district is working to establish a My Brother's Keeper Student Leadership Council to ensure that our students – the focus of our efforts – are providing updates and feedback to MPS leaders.