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PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, February 23, 2006, the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County, Inc., will host its first annual Youth Leadership Development Summit at Miller Grove High School from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. All middle and high schools in DeKalb County have been invited to register 25 young men to attend the summit. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The workshops offered to the students include: developing leadership skills, health and wellness; substance, drug, and crime prevention, career options in sports, TV, and radio.

The summit is endorsed by Dr. Crawford Lewis, Superintendent of DeKalb County Schools. Some of the most prominent leaders of DeKalb County will participate at the summit: Thurbert Baker, Attorney General State of Georgia; Vernon Jones, DeKalb CEO; Gwen Keyes-Fleming, District Attorney; Thomas Brown, DeKalb County Sheriff; Orrin Hudson, Be Someone, Inc.; Quentin Townsend, Owner of Atlanta Vision Basketball; Sasha the Diva, KISS 104.1 radio personality; Roberta Shields, President Ludacris Foundation; Dwayne Crawford, COO 100 Black Men of America; Nova4Jehovah, Recording Artist; and the membership of the 100 Black Men of DeKalb County.

The 100 Black Men of DeKalb County provides group mentorship, computer training, chess training, and leadership/developmental skills to students in grades 4-12 enrolled in the DeKalb County School System. The Leadership Academy, the signature community project, has 100 students currently participating in the program. The students of the 100 Black Men of DeKalb Leadership Academy program will serve as hosts.

Sponsors include: Cracker Barrel, Georgia Power, and the Atlanta Vision ABA. Additional sponsorship is available.

Miller Grove High School is located at 2645 DeKalb Medical Parkway, Lithonia where Dr. Ralph Simpson is the principal.