



CIS receives funding for leadership development with African-American young men

The Race Relations Council of the United Way of Central Ohio awarded a grant to Communities In Schools for the proposal for the E.L.I.T.E. program.

E.L.I.T.E. stands for Exceptional Leaders Inspired Through Excellence and is an initiative that targets 4th, 5th, and 6th grade (ages 9-12) minority male students within selected Columbus and Whitehall schools. Over 250 young men will be part of E.L.I.T.E.

The purpose is to provide participants with the values, beliefs, strategies and techniques needed to foster a school climate and culture that gives students hope and develops their leadership potential.

The weekly meetings have a specific focus, such as conflict management; etiquette; decision-making; respect; and goal setting. Speakers, particularly positive minority male role models, will talk to the students about various topics. There are also activities and field trips that will focus on team-building, self esteem, and discipline.



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