

CMSD Fathers Walk 2025

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Greetings,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to invite you to take part in the **CMSD Fathers Matter Speakers Bureau**, and the upcoming 20th Annual Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative Fathers Walk, scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025. Together, these opportunities allow leaders, mentors, and community partners to inspire and support fathers, families, and scholars across the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.



Ways to Get Involved

1. Become a Speaker

The CMSD Fathers Matter Speakers Bureau connects guest speakers with district and school-based events such as Fathers Walk, CMSD Fathers Matter sessions, Table Talks, and other family engagement opportunities. Speakers may align their message with one or more of CMSD's [Family Engagement Domains](#):

- **Parents as Teachers** – supporting children's learning and growth
- **Parents as Advocates** – preparing students for college, careers, and life opportunities
- **Parents as Leaders** – building skills to serve as leaders in schools and the community
- **Parents as Learners** – fostering personal and professional growth for adults and caregivers

2. Host a Resource Table

We are also inviting exhibitors/resource providers to be present at the Fathers Walk. Please note, this is not a sales event. Instead, organizations are encouraged to host a table that highlights programs, services, and supports available to scholars and families across the district and city.

3. Stand in the Gap

Finally, we call on men throughout the community to "stand in the gap" for scholars who may not have a father or father figure available that day. Your presence can make a meaningful difference, showing every child that they are supported and celebrated.

Next Steps

➔ [\[Click here to sign up as a Speaker, Exhibitor, or Man Willing to Stand in the Gap\]](#)

By registering, you can indicate your preferred role and availability. Once matched, you'll receive confirmation with school or event details.

This is a volunteer opportunity, but the impact is powerful. Whether you share your expertise, showcase community resources, or simply show up for a scholar in need, your involvement will help strengthen family engagement and lift up the power of fatherhood in education.

We would be honored to have you join us in building stronger connections, celebrating fatherhood, and supporting the success of every scholar.

Warm regards,

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