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## Family Night Celebration For New Black And Latino Male Organization At Claremont School

(OSSINING, N.Y.) – Through a Community Impact Grant from UPS, a new group of fifth grade Black and Latino males has been formed at Claremont School called Proud Young Leaders. This mentoring program is led by three former Ossining High School graduates and current Claremont School teaching assistants, Jabarie Jones, Jason Clark, and Sebastian Salazar. The program aims to increase the students appreciation of family and culture, their own as well as others, expose the students to a variety of careers, teach them about the obstacles people face and how they have overcome them, and have the students see themselves as citizens who can bring about change within their own community.

Members of Proud Young Leaders will host their first **Family Night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7 at the Claremont School Cafeteria.** The families of the boys will enjoy a pot luck supper and the drumming talent of Kazi Oliver.

“The young men of Proud Young Leaders are creating friendships and connections they wouldn’t have without this program,” said Assistant Principal of Claremont School, Francine Jacobson. “We are hoping that this group can follow in the success of other Black and Latino male groups in the District such as Project Earthquake and the High Hopes Program.”

**WHAT: FAMILY NIGHT, PROUD YOUNG LEADERS**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: CLAREMONT SCHOOL CAFETERIA, CLAREMONT ROAD, OSSINING**

The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,200 pupils in six schools: Roosevelt School for newborn to four-year-olds, Park Early Childhood Center for kindergarten through first grade, Brookside School for grades two and three, Claremont School for grades four and five, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for grades six through eight, and Ossining High School for grades nine through 12. [November 2007]