YMCA of Greater Louisville to announce new education initiative during “Achievement Gap Week”

WHAT:
The YMCA of Greater Louisville is announcing a new summer learning program designed to close the educational achievement gap between children of differing socio-economic groups in our community. The Power Scholars program at Jacob Elementary enrolled 100 students in grades 1 through 5 this summer and will be focused on reading, math and enrichment activities.

To call attention to the growing achievement gap nationally and in Louisville, the Y has planned activities during the week of July 6 to create awareness inside and outside the YMCA about the learning loss experienced by many children during the summer months and the ways it can be prevented. During a tour on July 8, the Y will showcase the Power Scholars program as well as its Summer Learning program that has expanded to six locations and 400 students this summer.

WHEN and WHERE:

Out Achievement Gap tour will be held beginning at 9 a.m. at the Summer Reading program at Gutermuth Elementary, 1500 Sanders Lane. The second stop will be at the Power Scholars program at Jacob Elementary, 3701 E. Wheatmore Dr.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Y’s efforts to close the Achievement Gap are at work in nearly 46 states, including 15 states that have the Power Scholars Academy pilot program.

“We must do more to bridge gaps for all youth and put them on a path to succeed by implementing these types of programs that get results,” said Steve Tarver, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Louisville. “It helps boost students’ reading and math scores along with building their confidence.”

About the Louisville area YMCAs

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