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"NIGHT OF CONSCIENCE" AT LA CAUSA CHARTER SCHOOL

Children will learn consequences of getting involved in gun and gang violence

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West is sponsoring the first "Night of Conscience" at La Causa Charter School in Milwaukee. The event aims to reduce gun and gang violence. Students in grades 5-8 will be involved in a panel discussion with local non-violence advocates/leaders in the gymnasium while parents will be in the library receiving gang reduction education from Pastor Jose Flores. Pastor Flores of Milwaukee is a national speaker on the subject of Gangs and also facilitates the "First Time Juvenile Offender Program" for Milwaukee County.

The evening will kick off with a performance by poet and Campaign Against Violence Campaign Director Muhibb Dyer. A panel discussion will then begin. Panelists include Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm who will discuss the negative effects of violence on communities and the lasting legal effects that gun offenses carry for offenders. Debra Fifer of Mothers Against Gun Violence who lost her only son, Kirk, in an act of gun violence will speak about the affects of gun violence on families. Luis Pizarro, a.k.a. Little Pito, a former gang member who is now a pastor and international recording artist, will discuss the effects that being involved in violence have on an individual.

"The main objective is to teach these children the consequences of gun violence before they consider getting involved in a gangs or violence," Supervisor West said. "They must learn that there are real consequences."

What: Night of Conscience

When: Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m.

Where: La Causa Charter School
1643 South Second Street
Milwaukee, WI

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