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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

City Officials, Partners, Youth to Mark 'Unity Day' Against Bullying with Youth-Led Performances

Nationwide awareness day calls for supporters to make a statement against bullying by wearing orange, promoting safe
environments for children and students

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, Oct. 25, city and educational leaders will join area students in taking a stand against bullying by marking Unity Day, a nationwide effort to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Mayor Tom Barrett will proclaim the day "Unity Day Against Bullying" citywide, followed by the day's local event kick-off at North Division High School (1011 W. Center St.), which will feature performances by area youth and the debut of Milwaukee's own anti-bullying song, "No Amount of Tears."

Nationally, more than one of every five school-aged children report being bullied. Since 2011, October has marked National Bullying Prevention Month, calling on individuals, schools, and communities to work together to create safe environments for children.

Locally, the day's events are coordinated in partnership by the Peace for Change Alliance, Milwaukee Public Schools, and the City of Milwaukee Health Department's Office of Violence Prevention.

Parents, teachers, and youth leaders can find resources and information to help prevent bullying at <u>pacer.org/bullying</u> and <u>stopbullying.gov</u>.

**WHAT:** Unity Day Celebration

WHEN: Wednesday, October 25

9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** North Division High School

1011 W. Center St., Milwaukee

**SPEAKERS:** Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton

Principal Keith Carrington, North Division High School

Linda Lee, Generations Against Bullying

Deonte Lewis, City of Milwaukee Health Department

**PERFORMERS:** Ebony Loren

Jahbarri Bradshaw

Milwaukee High School of the Arts Jazz Singers

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