



Principal Kafele speaks to UC TEAMS students Photo by: D. Bellinger

Union County T.E.A.M.S. Charter School hosts former Plainfield Principal and Author

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Baruti Kafele, former principal of Hubbard Middle School and now a noted educational consultant, was the guest speaker at UC TEAMS Charter School in Plainfield, NJ.

Principal Kafele not only administered schools in Plainfield, but also served as principal in East Orange, and Newark. During his tenure in these schools he was credited with transforming these institutions into highly productive places of learning.

Kafele stated that he became so disturbed with the mis-education of African American youngsters that he chose to leave his school to assist educators in much needed change.

While at T.E.A.M.S. he not only met with students but also the staff and parents.

His message to the high school students was that education is serious business. He advised them to take control of their minds and make it so that they can be anything they choose. He encouraged them to let no one define who they are. Kafele challenged them to read, read, and read some more.

He stressed that all of them should be on the Honor Roll; NO EXCUSES!

Principal Kafele is a highly sought speaker on the transformation of urban school and travels extensively throughout this country. He has authored six books, posts daily messages of encouragement on his website, and is the recipient of numerous awards for his impact on the mis-education of African American youth.