Pictured: K'Jeane Callender and Ms. King (Teacher Assistant)

After blowing away the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment II - III (MCA II-III) examinations for a second straight year, close to 1000 student scholars from Harvest Prep, Best Academy and the new Mastery School returned to school on August 13, 2012.

According to data released by the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Harvest Prep had the highest proficiency of any school in the state of Minnesota serving African-American and low income children. In fact, Harvest Prep's test scores in Math of 81% proficiency exceeded the statewide average by almost 20 percentage points, and its scores in Reading of 79% proficiency exceeded the statewide average as well.

African-American boys at Best Academy did even better, with a resounding 83% proficiency in Math and 82% proficiency in Reading, blowing away the statewide average by 21 percentage points and 6 percentage points, respectively. These test scores shatter the myths concerning African-American boys.

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