

# Media Advisory



*From State Representative La Shawn Ford*

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## Ford and Black Youth Call for Peace in Chicago Streets

**CHICAGO** – Taking a stand against gun violence in Chicago, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and students, teachers and administrators of Banner Academy will hold a press conference tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the school, located at 819 N. Leamington Ave. in Chicago. This comes after a 17-year-old boy was shot and killed in the West Side Austin community on Wednesday.

“I am outraged by the ongoing murders in Chicago, and we can’t allow this brutality to continue,” Ford said. “We need everyone to come together to tackle the violence that is crippling our communities, and we have to do it now. I am proud to join the students from Banner Academy to help to protect the lives of young men and women by working with them to find a solution. Our students should not have to carry the burden of being afraid to walk to and from school, or suffer the loss of a loved one due to senseless gun violence. We also need to develop stronger relationships with local law enforcement to protect the lives of both residents and police. The way in which we respond to challenges that arise will determine our future, and this is a defining moment for us. I am confident that we can rise to the occasion and provide a better environment in which our youth can grow and thrive.”

For more information, contact one of Ford’s constituent service offices: 816 S. Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park at [708-445-3673](tel:708-445-3673), 4800 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago at [773-378-5902](tel:773-378-5902) or in the Stratton Office Building in Springfield at [217-782-5962](tel:217-782-5962), visit [www.lashawnford.com](http://www.lashawnford.com), or email [repford@lashawnford.com](mailto:repford@lashawnford.com).

<b>Who:</b>	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford; Students, Teachers and Administrators of Banner Academy
<b>What:</b>	Press Conference Calling for an End to Violence in Chicago
<b>When:</b>	Friday, December 5, 2014 10 a.m.
<b>Where:</b>	Banner Academy 819 N. Leamington Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60651

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