

STATE LAWMAKERS TO TOUR BRIDGEPORT'S HARDING HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY

***Bridgeport School Tour TOMORROW - Tuesday, March 9, beginning @
1:30***

State lawmakers from the Connecticut General Assembly's Black & Puerto Rican Caucus, led by **State Rep. Jason Bartlett** (D-Danbury), **State Rep. Don Clemons** (D-Bridgeport), and **State Sen. Edwin Gomes** (D-Bridgeport), will be touring Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport on Tuesday, March 9, to view a normal day of activity at the school as the lawmakers continue their debate over legislation to close the state's achievement gap between white and minority students.

Last month, the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus [introduced a comprehensive legislative proposal](#) on the achievement gap that targets schools in situations similar to Harding High School, which is one of 185 schools currently on the state's "failing schools" list. The legislation is currently being considered by the Education Committee.

Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch and other members from the city's legislative delegation have also been invited to attend the tour.

Immediately following the tour, the lawmakers will host a roundtable discussion at the school with students and parents to hear their thoughts about what can be done to close the state's achievement gap. At the conclusion of the roundtable, the lawmakers will hold a news conference to discuss their legislation and how it would impact schools similar to Harding High School.

Their itinerary of events is as follows:

1:30 – 1:40	Introductory Meeting with Principle Carol Birks Location: Executive Office
1:45 – 2:30	Tour of school with tour guides
2:30 – 3:30	Roundtable discussion with students and parents Location: Resource Center
3:40	Press Conference Location: Front of School Building

Harding High School is located at 1734 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.