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## Male educators of color gather in Charlotte to discuss social and professional challenges

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For Skip Brown, who has taught elementary school in Durham for over 20 years, his role as a black male teacher is one he knows has been influential for many of his male students of color.

"I make those special relationships with all my kids," Brown said. "The relationship they have back with you may be a little deeper for those boys of color."

Sitting at the [Profound Gentlemen](#) conference last weekend that brought male educators of color from 18 states to Charlotte, Brown said being the only black male educator in his school comes with challenges and can feel isolating. In his current school, he is the only black male educator, though that was different in the past. His black male colleagues, Brown said, have gone on to administrative roles.

"It can sometimes be a little lonely in the building when you're the only one like you in the building," he said. "And how are you perceived in your building? Are you the disciplinarian so they're going to send you all the students that have discipline issues? That's not fair. Everybody needs to learn how to deal with those issues. Or when you speak up in faculty meetings, are you automatically dismissed, or do they listen to what you have to say?"

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