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Milwaukee Public Schools Initiatives to Serve the Needs of Our Male Students of Color

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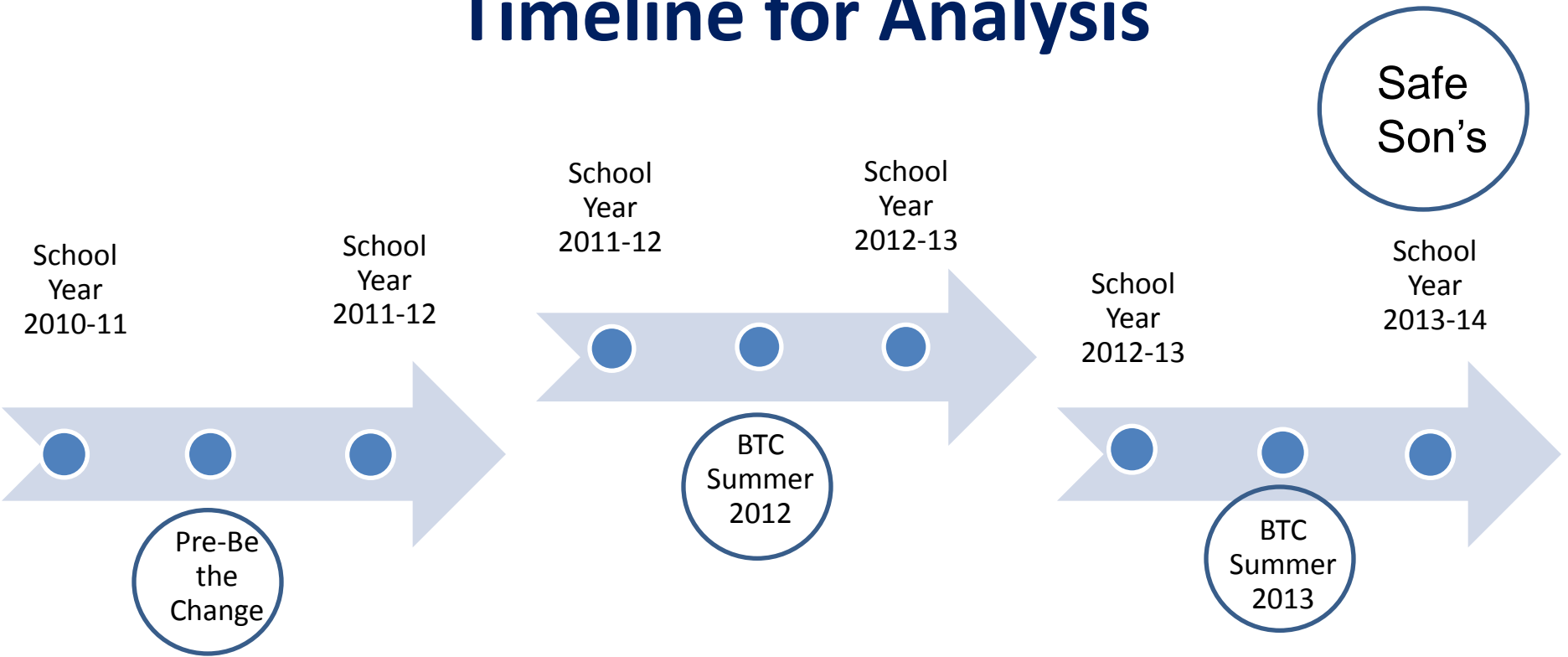
Be the Change Project Safe Sons Initiative

- Total students that actively participated in the Safe Son's Initiative 2013-14 = 165
- Total Students in Be the Change program in the analysis from 2011-12 through 2013-14 = 90
- Combined Almost 100% African American Males
- Combined Over 87% Free or Reduced Meal Participants
- Combined Over 26% Special Education Students
- Mainly High School Students Served

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Timeline for Analysis





Safe Sons

Preliminary Findings

- Average number of suspensions improved
- Average number of days suspended improved
- Attendance remained constant



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Be the Change Preliminary Highlights

- Students participated in enrichment activities such as the MPS Ropes & Challenges course, a field trip to the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago and to a play at the Dr. Martin Luther King Center in Milwaukee
- Behavioral incidents decreased in all three cohorts when participating in Be the Change

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Next Steps

- Work on improvement and consistency of implementation
- Possible expansion and replication
- Work on alignment and integration with the city and community organizations.
- Continued analysis of the projects.



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