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Key findings from 'Black Out,' The Post's series on Black NFL coaches

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"Black Out" is a series from The Washington Post examining why Black coaches continue to be denied head coaching positions in the NFL nearly 20 years after its implementation of the Rooney Rule, which is aimed at providing opportunities more equitably.

A cultural and financial powerhouse, the NFL has been under increased scrutiny since the offseason, when two Black head coaches were fired — briefly leaving the league with just one. One of those fired coaches, Brian Flores, later sued the league and its teams for discrimination.

Amid that scrutiny, The Post analyzed three decades' worth of data on the hiring, performance, retention and professional networks of NFL head coaches. Post reporters also interviewed 16 of the 24 living Black men who have served as NFL head coaches, as well as former players, assistants, executives, agents and others.

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More N.J. schools closing early this week due to heat

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Additional schools in New Jersey are planning to close early this week due to a heat wave complicating the return to classrooms in New Jersey.

The Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District will have early dismissals Wednesday and Thursday, officials said. The Somerset County school district will decide Thursday morning whether to resume a full day schedule on Friday.

At Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School, the change means students will be dismissed at 12:02 p.m., instead of 2:03 p.m.

In Middlesex County, the Metuchen School District is continuing its early dismissal schedule Wednesday through Friday, Superintendent Vincent Caputo announced on the first day of classes on Tuesday.

"We know this creates issues for parents and we appreciate your understanding. Stay cool," Caputo wrote in a message to parents.

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NJSM's Small Explorers Announces Open House

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Attention all parents and guardians of little ones in the Capital City! The New Jersey State Museum is once again opening its doors for the Small Explorers program, and you and your little learner are invited to be a part of the fun.

On Saturday, September 9th, you are invited to join the NJ State Museum for a "Small Explorers" open house. This event invites Trenton families with children ages 0 to 5 to come explore and see what the Small Explorers program is all about. Whether you are new to the program or are a continuing member, all are welcome to be a part of the day's festivities. Over the course of the afternoon, guests will have the opportunity to mingle with other families, enjoy a whole host of activities and giveaways, and get a glimpse inside this marvelous program. The open house will be held from 11am to 2pm at the NJSM campus, located at 205 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608.

Over the course of the afternoon, these young guests will have the opportunity to enter the fascinating world of dinosaurs. The day's activities will include a story time, some dinosaur-themed games, and a chance to get up close and personal with the museum's own collection of dinosaurs and fossils.

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