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Ice Cube & Charlie Day Comedy 'Fist Fight' Has Richie Keen In Talks To Direct

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EXCLUSIVE: [Richie Keen](#) is in talks to direct [Ice Cube](#) and [Charlie Day](#) in [New Line's *Fist Fight*](#), a comedy from scribes Van Robichaux and Evan Susser. The producers are 21 Laps' Shawn Levy and Dan Cohen producing, with Billy Rosenberg and Max Greenfield also involved in producing capacities. They're planning to get in the ring on this one in September. It's all moving fast as Deadline just broke news of the project last month with the actors' attachments.

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The pic is in the tone of '80s cult hit *Three O'Clock High* but a grown-up version: Day plays a mild-mannered English teacher who is put to the test when a colleague (Ice Cube) who thinks he is trying to get him fired challenges him to a fist fight after school. Sam Brown and Dave Neustadter are the New Line execs on the project.

Keen has directed short films and such TV series as Showtime's *Shameless* and FX's *It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia*, which stars Day. He's repped by CAA and

Lonestar Entertainment.

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