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**Councilmember Thomas Sponsors Father/Son Breakfast to  
Foster Parental Role in Student Achievement**

**Washington, DC**—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr., in partnership with The 100 Fathers, Inc., sponsored a father/son breakfast on “Turning the Tide on Student Achievement” on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the John Burroughs Elementary School. The father/son breakfast is a response to the high truancy and high school drop out rates among males in the District of Columbia.

The mission of The 100 Fathers, Inc. is to encourage, focus, and support fathers to increase their involvement in the education of their children. Children are likely to receive higher grades if their fathers attend parent-teacher conferences, school meetings, and sporting events.

“Children with academically involved fathers are twice as likely to receive As on their report cards,” said Councilmember Thomas. “Parental participation unlocks the door to student achievement and expands our children’s academic potential.”

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