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THE PROVIDENCE EFFECT **WINS BEST DOCUMENTARY AT OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL**

Omaha, March 3, 2009. The Providence Effect, a feature length documentary film about the remarkable story of Providence St. Mel School, has been awarded Best Feature Length Documentary at the 2009 Omaha Film Festival. Located on Chicago's impoverished west side, Providence St. Mel School has been sending 100% of its High School graduates to four year colleges for thirty years.

The documentary highlights the success of Providence St. Mel as a model for providing a competitive, world class education that enables children to lift themselves out of poverty. Principal Jeanette DiBella says, "It's not rocket science. We check our classroom data and teach according to what the students need. Everyone thinks it's so phenomenal... when everyone should be doing it."

Providence St. Mel School and the recently opened Providence Englewood Charter School offer the kind of student performance that America seeks for all its children, especially those trapped in the cycle of poverty and despair. The Providence Effect is an inspirational and hope-filled film that shows how American schools can succeed in even the worst case situations. At Providence Schools, students learn that "It's Cool to be Smart!"

The Providence Effect is a Dinosaurs of the Future production.