

A COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

# From Resistance to Resilience: Improving Achievement in Literacy Among African American Boys

**Speaker: Alfred Tatum, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and Reading Clinic Director, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Seed Academy & Harvest Preparatory School, 1300 Olson Memorial Highway,  
Minneapolis, MN

**This presentation is FREE and open to the public**

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*“My alma mater was books, a good library. I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity.” -Malcolm X*

Reading is the foundation of academic and life success. Barack Obama is President, yet schools struggle to raise the reading achievement of African American students. The achievement gap between Black and other students continues to grow.

Benefits of reading success:

- High IQ's
- Better grades
- Higher education
- Have better health
- Fewer discipline problems

Dr. Alfred Tatum will talk with parents, educators and community members about strategies for reducing the academic and reading achievement gaps.



Dr. Tatum is a renowned literacy expert. He also serves on the National Advisory Reading Committee of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. He provides training to families and schools addressing the literacy needs of their students, particularly African-American adolescent males.

