

African American Male Summit, February 6, 2008

The featured speaker at this event will be noted author and lecturer, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu. Dr. Kunjufu has been guest speaker at many colleges and universities throughout the U.S., and has been a Consultant to numerous urban school districts. He has authored over 25 books including national best sellers *Black Students: Middle Class Teachers, and Solutions for Black America*. His work has been featured in Ebony and Essence Magazine; and he has been a guest on BET and Oprah.

The event will center around two separate presentations. The first session, intended for male African American high school students from the surrounding areas, is intended to bring about articulation of challenges felt by these young men in regards to dropping out of school and what may be deterrents to some students having the desire to succeed and achieve.

The second portion of the day will bring community leaders together with Dr. Kunjufu in a luncheon setting, where he will share that the success of African American males is attainable and communities can contribute to that success. He will help community leaders to not only fully understand the crisis situation facing African American males, but also motivate them to become involved in future summit activities. We want them to understand that this is a movement and not a one-time event. We want to encourage them to assist us in addressing the outcomes of the breakout sessions in order to address the issues that continue to impact the African American male.