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**County Councilman Pernel Jones Jr. Will Hold a Presentation on June 4th
for The Students of Promise Closing the Achievement Gap (CTAG) Initiative**
Showcasing Program Evaluation Results

Cleveland, OH – County Councilman Pernel Jones, Jr., would like to cordially invite you to a Committee meeting on June 4th at 10 am in Council Chambers located on the 4th floor of the County Administrative Headquarters to present evaluation results of The Students of Promise Closing The Achievement Gap (CTAG) initiative.

An evaluation study was recently completed by The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at the Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. The study identified and compared grade point averages (GPA), disciplinary actions, attendance, and measured Development Assets Profile data to determine the effectiveness of the Students of Promise CTAG initiative. Data from the study shows a steady increase in student GPAs' as well as graduation rates further attesting to the resounding success of the program since its implementation.

“As a County Councilman, I remain committed to supporting constructive learning opportunities for the youth in our communities which in part will help them avoid destructive activities and ultimately propel them forward to a brighter future,” states Councilman Jones.

The primary goal of The Students of Promise CTAG initiative is to provide social, emotional, and academic support to students in a structured and interactive learning environment where students have a better opportunity at reaching their highest potential. The model currently operates in the following school districts including Maple Heights, Warrensville Heights, Garfield Heights, and Cleveland Heights/University Heights. Students must meet one of the following criteria to join the program including absent 25 days or more, five or more days in or out of school suspension, failed two or more core subjects, performance below proficiency level in one or more subjects, and have repeated a grade level.

The Committee meeting will host a number of presenters including Chris Storman, Ph.D., from The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at the Case Western Reserve Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences; Bob Ivory, Program Director, Students of Promise Closing the Achievement Gap; Linkage Coordinators and students participating in the program.

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