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FIGHT FOR CHILDREN RELEASES THE 2009-2010 EDITION OF “MY SCHOOL CHOOSER”

Washington, DC [January 15, 2009] --- Fight For Children released today the 2009-2010 edition of *My School Chooser*, a user-friendly guide to help families decide which school is best for their children. This year’s edition features expanded profiles of all 320 schools in Washington, DC, including test scores for DC Public Schools and DC charter schools, extracurricular activities, transportation options, tuition information, and application procedures. The guide not only provides these useful details, but also offers practical advice for figuring out if a school will be a good fit for a family.

Of the new *My School Chooser*, Deborah Gist, State Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia, said “we are lucky to have so many fantastic educational resources available in the District, and this tool helps to make them more easily accessible to parents, students, and community members.”

Fight For Children is distributing 14,000 copies of *My School Chooser* in English and Spanish to DC schools, libraries, recreation centers, day care centers, churches, and various family-serving organizations within Washington, DC. In the next several months, Fight For Children will conduct trainings for parents and organizations who wish to learn more about how to use *My School Chooser*.

My School Chooser is available free of charge in a printed version and online at www.fightforchildren.org. To request a copy of *My School Chooser* or to learn more about hosting or attending a training session, please contact Anna Yousufzai at anna.yousufzai@fightforchildren.org or 202-772-8424.

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Fight For Children, founded in 1990 by business and civic leader Joseph E. Robert, Jr., is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing all children in the District of Columbia the tools they need to grow, learn, and succeed. Fight For Children has raised almost \$80 million in private contributions, investing these resources to create education, leadership and health care programs, as well as providing direct support to over 150 youth-serving organizations in the greater DC area.

For more information on Fight For Children or any of its programs, visit
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