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Small Project Report *The Providence Effect*

In late September we became aware of an educational movie called *The Providence Effect*. The movie is about the history of a school called Providence St. Mel which is located in a drug and crime infested portion of Chicago. The school has had a miraculous impact on the lives of many students and their families. The producers of the movie agreed to rent it to us for showings during November in Tuolumne and Mariposa counties. Several school board members, principals, teachers, students and members of the general public were able to see the movie. After each showing there was a discussion about the principles of Providence St. Mel and how those principles could be applied locally.

More information on the movie can be seen at: <http://www.theprovidenceeffect.com/>

More information on the school can be seen at: <http://psm.k12.il.us/>

We produced the following "hand-out" for the viewers of the film. The handout includes the mission statement which students repeat every school day. The handout also provided information about Micro Steps.

Welcome to *The Providence Effect*, an educational movie brought to you courtesy of Micro Steps (see below). In the movie repeated reference is made to the mission statement of Providence Saint Mel. It is provided here for your convenience:

The Providence-St. Mel Mission Statement



At Providence-St. Mel, we believe. We believe in the creation of inspired lives produced by the miracle of hard work. We are not frightened by the challenges of reality, but believe that we can change our conception of this world and our place within it. So we work, plan, build and dream - in that order. We believe that one must earn the right to dream. Our talent, discipline and integrity will be our contribution to a new world, because we believe that we can take this place, this time and this people and make a better place, a better time and a better people. With God's help we will either find a way or make one!

Summary Statistics - The Providence Effect 2009 Q4 Project

School board members affected	2
Principals affected	2
Teachers affected	8
Schools affected (estimate)	4
Students affected (future teacher)	1
Total viewers (including general public, retired teachers, lay teachers etc.)	43
Total Venues	5
Counties affected	3
Total cost (including DVD rental & transportation)	\$212.46
Cost per affected person:	\$4.94