

## **Dr. Thomas Howard Selected as Chief Academic Officer of Victory Schools**

**NEW YORK, June 26, 2008**– Victory Schools announced today the selection of Dr. Thomas Howard as its Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Howard joins Victory with over 25 years experience in the education field, most recently serving as Associate Director of the Center for Data-Driven Reform in Education (CDDRE) and Director of the Success for All Foundation (SFAF) in Baltimore, MD. As Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Howard will be responsible for creating and implementing educational, leadership development and professional development programs for Victory Schools.

“We are all very excited to have Dr. Howard joining the Victory team,” said Dr. Margaret Harrington, Chief Operating Officer of Victory Schools. “Dr. Howard’s track record of improving student achievement and demonstrating accountability will aid Victory Schools in our effort to continuously raise the bar in the quality of services we deliver to our partner schools.”

Prior to his work with CDDRE and SFAF, Dr. Howard worked as principal for the City of Burlington’s Board of Education, in Burlington, New Jersey. In this role he turned around the lowest performing school in the district to make adequate yearly progress three years in a row, as determined by No Child Left Behind guidelines. In May of 2006, Dr. Howard was named Educator of the Year by the New Jersey Association of School Psychologists.

Dr. Howard’s career in education began at the Community Day School in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Since that time Dr. Howard has taught in Lawnside, and South Brunswick, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also served as principal of the Trenton Community

Charter School. Dr. Howard received his Master's Degree in Education Administration from Rider University and his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

### **About Victory Schools**

Victory Schools is a national leader in public charter and district school management partnerships. Victory's mission is to create the finest public schools in America through partnerships with state departments of education, local boards of education, teachers, teachers unions, outstanding community groups and parents. The company is unique in its consultative approach to assisting public school districts; its strong emphasis on partnerships with all public education stakeholders; and its desire to provide the highest quality, most personalized service to the schools and districts we serve. Victory was founded in 1999 and is headquartered in New York City. This fall the company will provide services to 19 public and charter schools serving approximately 7,000 children in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. For further information, Victory can be contacted at (212) 786-7900

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