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West End Middle Authorized as IB World School

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Feb. 20, 2009) – West End Middle School has been authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization to implement the Middle Years Programme. This is a significant accomplishment for West End, which has been piloting the IBMYP for the past few years.

“West End is excited to now be a part of this rich history,” said Greg Hutchings, West End Middle Principal. “We look forward to changing the world one child at a time.”

The International Baccalaureate (IB) offers high quality programs of international education to a worldwide community of schools. It encourages international thinking and a positive attitude toward learning. There are currently more than 683,000 IB students at 2,521 schools in 132 countries. Authorization to become an IB World School is an intensive process that typically takes two or more years and includes multiple site visits by an IB team. IB can be offered at the elementary (Primary Years Programme, PYP), middle (Middle Years Programme, MYP) or high school level (IB Diploma Programme).

Currently, three MNPS High Schools offer the IB Diploma Programme -- Hillsboro, Hillwood and Hunters Lane. With West End’s new authorization, seven MNPS Middle Schools offer MYP. They are J. T. Moore, Bellevue Middle, Hunters Lane 9th/10th grades, Brick Church Middle, Goodlettsville Middle and Neely's Bend Middle.

For more information about the IB program, visit www.ibo.org.

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