

ISB Signs a Lease on a School Building in Carroll Gardens and Launches \$500K Capital Campaign

New Building Will Increase School's Capacity to 250 Students Over the Next Three Years

Brooklyn, NY – December 2009 – International School of Brooklyn (ISB), New York's only French/Spanish language immersion school following the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, has signed a lease on a former Catholic school building on Court Street in Carroll Gardens. The new location is scheduled to open its doors to Nursery through 4th Grade students in September 2010. ISB Executive Director and Co-Founder Rebecca Skinner comments, "We are thrilled to once again expand ISB to reach our goals for growth and development and to continue to meet the needs of Brooklyn families for quality education with a global outlook."

"Teach Local, Reach Global: The ISB Expansion" is a \$500,000 campaign to raise funds over the next year to complete the renovations and improvements to the Carroll Gardens facility. The Campaign Committee, comprised of board members, parents, and friends of ISB, reported raising \$130,000 during the silent phase of the campaign and will continue to raise the additional funds over the course of the year.

The 30,000 sq ft building will allow ISB to immediately double enrollment capacity for the 2010-2011 school year. Over the next three years, ISB will continue to grow with its students one grade per year and launch a middle school program in 2012. After an in depth search for suitable real estate to accommodate this planned expansion, the ISB Board of Directors is pleased to choose this location. The building boasts large sunlit classrooms, as well as space for art and music classrooms, a cafeteria, an onsite playground and additional administrative space.

Given the increasing popularity of ISB's educational model and the large expansion for the 2010-2011 school year, Admissions Director, Delphine Michaud, is not surprised to have received almost 200 applications by the Nov. 20, 2009 deadline. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis for 1st through 4th Grades. Further admissions information can be found on ISB's website: www.isbrooklyn.org.

In stride with the growth of the school, three new members have joined ISB's Board of Directors. Tamara Malkin-Stuart, a long-time supporter of ISB and current ISB parent, brings her own bilingual education and "parent perspective" to the board. Natalie Ungari, a real estate lawyer for Two Trees Management, provides unparalleled support as ISB completes this large expansion in the New York real estate market. Isabelle Jouanneau-Fertig, of Barnard College, Columbia University, has a keen awareness of language needs and programs throughout New York City and helps to promote ISB's unique program.

Currently located in Prospect Heights, ISB serves 106 students from Nursery through 3rd Grade in its school-day program and over 350 families each year in its Enrichment Programs, including French & Spanish Language Immersion Playgroups, After School and Summer Camp.

About ISB:

International School of Brooklyn (ISB) is an independent, non-sectarian, not-for-profit educational institution and is New York's only French & Spanish language immersion school following the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. ISB's mission is to provide an intimate, progressive and multicultural education that is ideal for preparing our children – tomorrow's business and civic leaders – to face the challenges and opportunities of an international future.

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