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**Christel House Academy South Middle School again designated as an Indiana
'School to Watch' by Indiana Middle Level Education Association**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Middle Level Education Association (IMLEA) and the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, have announced that Christel House Academy (CHA) South Middle School has once again been designated as an Indiana “School to Watch.” To achieve this level of recognition, high-performing schools establish norms, structures, and organizational arrangements to support and sustain their trajectory toward excellence. They have a strong sense of purpose that drives every facet of educational practice and decision-making.

CHA South Middle School is one of 10 Indiana “Schools to Watch,” to receive this recognition. CHA South Middle School also received this recognition in 2012.

“We are very pleased to be named a 2015 School to Watch,” said Carey Dahncke, Director and Chief Academic Officer of Christel House Academy’s network of charter school. “Our teachers are committed to ensuring we meet the unique needs of middle school students, while challenging them to excel academically. The excellent work our staff shows when you meet our students.”

Established as a public charter school in 2002, CHA currently transforms the lives of more than 600 low income students in grades K-12. The school has a 93 percent economically disadvantaged population. Students receive textbooks, transportation, school supplies, uniforms, nutritious meals and medical services free or at reduced rates. CHA has been recognized both for its efforts to close the achievement gap among traditionally underserved and at-risk students in Indianapolis.

For more information about Christel House Academy, please visit <http://www.chacademy.org>.

About Christel House International

The mission of Christel House is to transform the lives of impoverished children around the world—breaking the cycle of poverty and building self-sufficient, contributing members of society. A focus on academic excellence through a robust K–12 curriculum is combined with a strong character development program and holistic human development to give students the skills and competencies necessary to compete successfully in complex 21st Century society.

Much more than a school, Christel House was established in 1998 by Founder and CEO Christel DeHaan, and currently serves more than 4,100 impoverished children through seven learning centers located in India, Mexico, South Africa and the U.S.A. Christel House maintains a 96% high school graduation rate, and the majority of its graduates go on to pursue higher education. They become productive citizens, and many secure employment with top multinational corporations. Christel House graduates are confident, hardworking, responsible and ethical, with a passion for giving back to their communities and caring for their families. For more information, please visit www.christelhouse.org.