Indianapolis – (August 5, 2008) Mayor Greg Ballard joined members of the Martindale Brightwood community, members of the board of the Indianapolis Project Charter School, students and faculty today to sign the school’s charter and cut the ribbon for the renovated school building.

The Indianapolis Project Charter School located at 1145 East 22nd St. is the first charter school in Indiana to be teacher-developed and teacher-operated. The founding group of 12 educators worked for more than a year to develop the concept and programs. One critical tenet of this school is linking students to their community through projects designed to help students identify real issues and utilize community assets to address those issues.

“This is an exciting educational venture, and a unique concept -- not just for a school, but for a community. The Indianapolis Project Charter School was developed in the spirit of taking a fresh look at how education works for individual students and how it works within our larger community,” said Mayor Ballard.

The school’s founders chose the Martindale Brightwood community as the school’s location with the intent that is would be part of the redevelopment taking place in that neighborhood. The building being renovated for the school site was an old automobile warehouse that had not been occupied for about a decade.

The school officially opens August 18, 2008 with approximately 200 students in grades K-6. At maximum capacity, the school will serve 450 students in grades K-8. The school began marketing in March of this year, and currently they have a waiting list for every grade except 6th.

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