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International Charter School of Arizona Announces School Location and Enrollment Session

Scottsdale, AZ – April 6, 2011 – The International Charter School of Arizona (ICSA), a charter middle school opening August 2011, announced today the school location and enrollment session for the 2011-12 school year.

About ICSA's Location

ICSA (www.icsaz.org) will be located at 10460 N. 56th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85253, on the Congregation of Beth Israel campus. The school will house grades 5th and 6th at the site in the first year, and has negotiated the right to take over additional space in the second and third years to support the additions of 7th and 8th grades.

ISA Academic Director Anne-Cecile Scherer, on a teacher recruiting trip to Spain for the school, was thrilled to secure a location that is central to the internationally-minded community of families committed to giving their children a competitive advantage. "This is a great location to start and grow our middle school effort to provide an education that is both academically advanced and focused on language and cultural literacy," said Scherer.

About the ICSA Enrollment Session

An enrollment session for ICSA has been scheduled for 5p-7p on Wednesday, May 4 at the new location. Any families interested in applying for ICSA for 5th and 6th grades are encouraged to come at this time to complete their application for the 2011-12 school year, which will feature a condensed enrollment period. Per the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools guidelines, enrollment documents cannot be accepted before this date and time.

The ICSA Enrollment Period for 2011-12 will begin with the May 4 5p-7p session and close on Friday, May 20 at 5pm. If the number of applications received during the Enrollment Period exceeds the number of spots available for the 5th & 6th grade classes for the 2011-12 school year, a lottery system will be utilized to place students. Students applying after the enrollment period will be placed on a first-come, first served basis for any remaining available spaces or positioned on a waiting list behind any who did not secure a spot during the Enrollment Period.

Michelle Borie, ISA Administrative Director noted "We are very excited to set a date to enroll those families on our waiting list, who have been eager to begin their children's global education." The enrollment session will be held in conjunction with an information session for those families who would like to learn more about ICSA. A presentation about the new school will be given at 6:30pm.

Families interested in applying during this session are encouraged to contact ICSA ahead of time to determine which items they should bring to expedite their enrollment. If you are planning to come to the session on May 4, please contact Tracy Kenner at tkenner@isaz.org or 480.874.2326.

About ICSA

ICSA is an international foreign-language focused middle school founded by board members, parents and staff from the International School of Arizona (ISA), a non-profit, independent private school that serves children from age 2 to 5th Grade. The middle school offers challenging academic programs that will develop students to their fullest potential and prepare them to succeed on a local and global level, with French and Spanish tracks to 5th and 6th graders in the first year, expanding after opening to offer 7th through 8th grades and 9th through 12th grades in subsequent years.

The global-focused program will feature rigorous academics, following the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program and pursuing IB accreditation. Students attending ICSA will be prepared for college, achieve oral and written proficiency in 3 languages by the 12th grade, obtain a greater understanding and acceptance of other cultures, and be international-minded critical thinkers. For more information, please contact Tracy Kenner at tkenner@isaz.org or 480.874.2326, or visit www.icsaz.org.