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**HERRON HIGH SCHOOL ONE OF ONLY THREE SCHOOLS IN
MARION COUNTY TO MEET ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS GOALS**

Liberal Arts Charter School Meets All Goals Set by the No Child Left Behind Act

Indianapolis, Ind., April 17, 2009 – Herron High School, a charter school that is not affiliated with IUPUI's Herron School of Art and Design, is one of only three public Marion County schools to receive a passing grade from the Department of Education, meeting the adequate yearly progress goals established by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

The accountability system established under NCLB holds schools responsible for educating students based on high standards, and challenges them to continuously improve achievement. Each year, the Indiana State Board of Education requires all public schools to administer mandatory annual assessments of student progress in English and mathematics. For the first time, every traditional high school in Marion County was rated as failing to make adequate yearly progress. Herron High School and two other charter schools were the only schools in the County to have achieved the performance goals.

“We are very proud to have achieved the yearly progress goals established by NCLB, as it shows that our liberal arts educational approach is working for our students,” said Janet H. McNeal, principal of Herron High School.

Herron High School provides a classical liberal arts education to its students, with a strong emphasis on fine arts that supplements the core curriculum in many ways. For example, students study classical plays in theater class, enhancing literacy that crosses over into English literature classes. In visual art class, not only do students create art, they write about classical art and their own creative processes. Even math knowledge is enhanced by the students' fine arts education; for example, music concepts are incorporated into math classes to help students struggling with the concept of negative numbers.

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“Of course, we are constantly striving to provide the best possible liberal arts education for our students,” said McNeal. “This annual assessment is just one of the measures that we use to track the progress and achievement of our students.”

About Herron High School

Herron High School is a college preparatory school serving the near north side and surrounding communities. Founded in 2005 and located at 16th and Pennsylvania, Herron High School is a public charter school open to all students. Dedicated to providing a classical liberal arts education for students in grades nine through twelve, Herron uses an integrated curriculum and creative methodology, applying an art history timeline approach to aid students in assimilating knowledge by connecting logical relationships between subjects. With small class sizes and individualized attention, classical methodology which includes Latin, art, music and rhetoric as well as rigorous math and science classes, Herron High School provides a truly unique high school experience for its students. With an enrollment capped around 400 students in 08-09, Herron High School will graduate its first full class of seniors in 2010. Herron High School is not affiliated with Herron School of Art and Design at IUPUI. For more information, visit www.herronhighschool.org.