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New British School of Chicago Building Plans Unveiled

Chicago, IL – In a ceremony held at Kendall College on Thursday, May 4th, leaders from the British Schools of America and British School of Chicago presented the initial plans for the new 70,000 square-foot British School of Chicago building to be located at Eastman Street and Halsted Avenue. A crowd of nearly 200 parents, teachers, educational colleagues and developers were on hand for the presentation and question and answer session with Sheree Speakman, Chief Operating Officer and Michael Horton, Head of the Chicago School. Architects from Structured Development were also available for questions. The opening of the Lincoln Park location is anticipated to be January 2008. Plans and images of the building can be viewed on the school website www.britishschool.org.

The British School of Chicago is currently located in Chicago's northside and welcomes families of all nationalities who wish their children to be educated in a British style. The school currently educates pupils from ages 3 to 14 and the new building will allow expansion to offer a broad high school curriculum. Pupils begin their education with the National Curriculum (England) and the International Primary Curriculum and will complete high school with courses leading to the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The school's mainly British staff is dedicated and enthusiastic in their goal of providing the best possible start to life in a happy, secure learning environment.

Structured Development is an experienced real estate developer that specializes in complex and unique real estate transactions. In the immediate area they have recently developed Lincoln Park Center located at the southeast corner of North Avenue and Halsted Street and the Kendall College property (formerly the Sara Lee Bakery Division Headquarters) located at Northbranch Avenue and Halsted Street. For more information about Structured Development visit its website at www.strdev.com.

The British Schools of America were founded in 1998, when the first school opened in Washington D.C. The British Schools of Boston and Houston both opened in September 2000, the British School of Chicago opened in September 2001 and the British American School of Charlotte, the fifth school, opened in September 2004. It is anticipated during the next few years that the total number of British Schools of America will grow to 20, all located in major cities across the USA. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the International Primary Curriculum, the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Teachers at the schools are recruited directly from the UK and are trained in the delivery of the National Curriculum, the IPC and the IB.

For more information on the British Schools of America, visit their website at www.britishschool.org or contact Sheree Speakman, Chief Operating Officer at sheree@greatlearning.com.

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