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## **BRITISH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES MOVE TO NEW LOCATION IN UPPER GEORGETOWN**

**Washington, DC – January 8, 2006** – The British School of Washington (BSW) announced today that it has finalized negotiations on a 75,000 sq. ft. lease at 2001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW. The new building, conveniently located in upper Georgetown, will allow for expansion of the school. BSW, which has outgrown its current facilities on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, is expected to move to its new location in January 2008. The building will be completely refurbished to provide state-of-the-art educational and administrative facilities and underground parking.

BSW, a private school featuring British-style education leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) program, has been growing rapidly since it opened its doors in Washington, DC in 1998. With teachers recruited directly from the UK, BSW has evolved from a school designed primarily to meet the needs of British citizens living in the United States to a unique learning experience for children from a wide variety of nationalities. The school's 285 students are aged 3 to 18 and it will graduate its third IB class this year.

"We're delighted that our long search for the right building and location is finally over," said Head of School Jenny Arwas. "The move will enable us to build on our beginnings and deliver our unique learning philosophy to even more of Washington's children."

For the past several years, the School considered a variety of locations and opportunities but none offered the convenient location and facilities provided by the new Georgetown facility.

"Commercial space throughout DC is at a premium making it next to impossible for schools to find campus settings. So, fresh and creative approaches are required. Although it has been used as an office building, the space is being completely remodeled at substantial cost to convert it to a build to suit space for the school. The building provides the right environment for BSW to continue to grow and develop its high-quality educational program," said CB Richard Ellis' Tina Weaver, who worked with BSW on the new building.

Georgetown University recently sold and leased back more than 200,000 sq. ft. in two separate buildings at this location. It only needed one of the buildings, providing the opportunity for the BSW. Plans call for the new school to accommodate nearly 600 students, with a maximum class size of 20.

### **About the British School of America**

British School Washington (BSW) is part of The British Schools of America, which were founded in 1998, when the first school opened in Washington D.C. There are British Schools in Boston, Houston, Chicago, and Charlotte. The British Schools of America anticipate an expansion to a total of 20 major cities across the US within the next decade. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the International Primary Curriculum (IPC), the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB), with an emphasis on earlier reading, broader international orientation, and intensive learning experiences. 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. Please visit our website at [www.britishschool.org](http://www.britishschool.org).

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