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WICKLOW ELEMENTARY RECEIVES APPROVAL FOR IB PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME

(**SANFORD, Fla.**) On Thursday, June 3, 2021, Wicklow Elementary School for Global Pathways was notified that it has been approved to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme. The school becomes the second in Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) to receive this prestigious designation and now becomes the newest member of an ever-growing global community of 607 schools offering the IB in 147 different countries. Idyllwilde Elementary received its IB approval in March 2021.

The IB has a positive impact on students, schools and their wider communities with learning going well beyond the classroom. Its unique and innovative approach to learning means both students and teachers are genuinely engaged with the programs and benefit from being a part of an unparalleled global network. Students are able to participate in international conferences and educators work with their peers internationally to ensure that the IB remains at the cutting edge of international education.

Martina Herndon, Principal of Wicklow Elementary School for Global Pathways says:
"We're very excited to be able to offer this world renown inquiry-based and student-focused curriculum to the families of Seminole County. This holistic education process helps instill in our students the skills, knowledge, and outlook to succeed in the 21st century, both in their local community and globally. We're delighted to officially become an IB World School and we look forward to reaping the many benefits of the programme."

Dr. Walt Griffin, Superintendent of SCPS says:
"The IB is recognized across the world for its innovative approach to education. We strongly believe that it's important to place an equal focus on academics and other, transferrable skills, in order to best prepare students for future success. As Wicklow is one of our seven Elementary Magnet Schools, all SCPS families will be able to apply so their children can take advantage and benefit from a world-class IB education."

About the International Baccalaureate:

Founded in 1968 the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit foundation, which offers four high quality and challenging educational programmes for a worldwide community of schools. For close to 50 years, IB programmes have gained a reputation for their rigour and high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. Currently, more than 1,3 million IB students attend over 4,500 schools in 147 countries. To learn more, please visit www.ibo.org.

For information about the number of IB World Schools and programmes offered in the United States, please visit: <http://www.ibo.org/en/about-the-ib/the-ib-by-country/>

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