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PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE MID-YEAR ENROLLMENT

RICHMOND, VA, December 20, 2011 – Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts, (PHSSA) the State’s first elementary charter school and a Richmond Public School, is accepting new kindergarten and first grade applications for mid-year enrollment as it moves into its permanent location at 3411 Semmes Avenue, Richmond, VA.

PHSSA has an academically challenging integrated curriculum based on a SOL framework that demonstrates an environmental science focus that integrates the Arts, Language, Math, and Social Studies. The students tested 94% in English and 97% in math on the spring, 2011 SOL assessments. The new location of the school provides additional square footage that allows PHSSA to open up more spots for enrollment.

The school currently has 185 students and is proud of its very involved and diverse community. One parent offered up some thoughts on their experience with PHSSA.

“We have lived in Richmond for eight years, and we made the decision to enroll our child in PHSSA mainly because of the integrated curriculum and the focus on science, art, and environmental studies,” said PHSSA kindergarten parent, Matthew Warner. “I witness this as I talk to my child about what he has learned, and I look at the work that he has done at the school. In addition, my kindergartner can apply these things in his daily life. The ideas that he expresses, while we are on our family activities are a direct result of the lessons and the curriculum from PHSSA.”

Interested families can visit the PHSSA website at www.patrickhenrycharter.org to download an application or can pick up an application at any of the Richmond City Branch Libraries. Families will need to complete the application and mail it to **P.O. Box 2459, Richmond, VA, 23218**.

Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, January 9th** to be considered for enrollment. No preference will be given to families who get their applications in early. If applications exceed space, a lottery will be performed. Families will be notified of enrollment by January 17, 2012.

Patrick Henry School is the first elementary charter school in Virginia. The school’s charter was approved in October 2008. The school started its second year of school on August 10, 2011.

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Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts (PHSSA) is a kindergarten through fifth-grade school based on meaningful parent, educator, and community involvement. The school will provide the children of our diverse community with an academically rigorous science- and arts-based curriculum that emphasizes environmental awareness and social responsibility. See more at www.patrickhenrycharter.org.