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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Mechelle Bryson, Ed.D., Todd Kettler and Don Menzie
Date: January 21, 2008
Re: Report on CHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The purpose of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program presentation is to update the Board on the program's progress.

- ⇒ Overview of Program
- ⇒ IB Application Progress
- ⇒ Staff Development with IB Organization
- ⇒ Vision for Year Two of the Authorization Process

Background data: With a rich 40-year history, IB offers a highly rigorous educational encounter for students who want a challenging international experience. Born in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968, the International Baccalaureate program's original purpose was to facilitate the international mobility of students preparing for university by providing schools with a curriculum and diploma recognized by universities around the world. In addition, "the International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program promotes student success through engaged learning environments and compassionate paradigms. The result is students who think globally and act locally. In fact, "IB students are forever curious, fully engaged citizens, who both embrace their own culture and are open and responsive to other cultures and views." With this said, IB learners are inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective.