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## LEPORT PRIVATE SCHOOL TAKES OVER OPERATIONS OF CARDEN ACADEMY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

HUNTINGTON BEACH, California, April 10, 2012 – This week, as Huntington Beach students return from spring break, those who used to attend Carden Academy of Huntington Beach will find themselves returning to a new school: LePort Schools Huntington Pier campus. LePort Schools of Irvine, a successful private school operator in Orange County, is taking over operations at this established site near downtown Huntington Beach. A new sign and significant investments in updating the school facilities are among the first visible steps the new management is taking toward converting the entire school to the LePort model.

"Carden has always had a reputation for a strong academic curriculum," says Vanessa Stewart, Head of School. "With the LePort curriculum and pedagogical approach, we are finding new ways to make a challenging curriculum fun and engaging for our students. Over the past weeks, we've had students visit LePort Schools' Mission Viejo campus, and LePort teachers have come to visit our campus to give students a taste of the changes to come. It was great to see the excitement on our students' faces as they experienced LePort's unique way of tying learning to the students' lives!"

LePort is planning to grow the Huntington Pier campus, and is actively recruiting <u>Montessori</u> <u>preschool</u> and elementary teachers, as well as subject-matter expert teachers in literature, history, math and science. The school, which currently enrolls approximately 130 students, is now enrolling students for the 2012/13 school year.

Parents interested in learning more are invited to attend two upcoming events. The <u>open house</u> for all ages, toddlers through 8<sup>th</sup> grade takes place on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10 am – 1 pm, and offers an opportunity to see the campus, meet teachers and learn about the LePort approach. Children are encouraged to attend! Free face painting and a balloon artist will be on hand to entertain while parents learn more about the program. A <u>curriculum night event</u> for parents on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, is a great opportunity to take a peek into the elementary and junior high classrooms, and gain some insight into LePort's pedagogical approach.

LePort Schools of Irvine, founded in 2000, is a group of preschools and private schools serving approximately 800 students at six campuses, four in Irvine and two in Huntington Beach. All campuses currently accept enrollment for the fall term. For more information, visit www.LePortSchools.com.



Students in LePort's <u>private school</u> <u>program</u> benefit from individualized attention, as classes are typically limited to 16 students.



At curriculum night on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, parents can take a peek into the classrooms and see why LePort students love learning every day.



The Montessori toddler and preschool program offers individualized attention from highly qualified teachers, as students master writing, reading and arithmetic into the thousands in preschool.



LePort is investing in improving the Huntington Pier campus, including new technology, a remodeled parent reception area, and upgrades to the large playground area.