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**GATEWAY LAB SCHOOL – A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL
DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN EXPERIENCING ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY
IN TRADITIONAL SCHOOL SETTINGS
HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DELAWARE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Newark, DE – June 9, 2010 - In May, the Delaware Board of Education unanimously approved the charter application for Gateway Lab School (GLS). GLS will open in Newark, DE in the fall of 2011 with students in grades 3-7, eventually serving students in grades 1-8.

The Board of Gateway Lab School consists of concerned community members looking to improve educational opportunities for children using a program that combines integrated arts, multi-sensory, and experiential instruction, that seeks to identify and capitalize on a student's strengths and interests while utilizing effective research-based techniques to help each student learn. Research has shown that students who struggle academically in the traditional school environment benefit greatly from this model. They have found a viable solution: The Lab School of Washington®. This private school, located in Washington D.C., utilizes the Academic Club Method™, a unique teaching technique developed specifically for students with learning disabilities and ADHD. The program emphasizes the arts and hands-on experiential learning to help these students become active learners, and has been extremely successful, with over 90% of children with learning disabilities graduating from the program and enrolling in college.

Gateway Lab School will model The Lab School of Washington® as a new charter school, open to students who reside in New Castle County, Delaware in grades 3 through 7 for the 2011-2012 school year. **Interested parents, educators, and community members are needed to lead and assist on various committees. Opportunities exist in the areas of Development, Marketing & Public Relations, Technology, School Climate, and Operations. An informational meeting will be held at the Newark Free Public Library on Monday, June 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in joining a committee or receiving additional information.**

Gateway Lab School has the potential to make an incredible impact on the academic success of Delaware students experiencing academic difficulty in traditional school settings. To learn more about this opportunity, Please contact Pam Draper at 302-275-2841 or pam.draper@gatewaylabschool.org.

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