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## **Press Release**

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## CELT EXPANDS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Marlborough, MA June 19, 2008: The Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CELT) has launched the expansion of its independent schools practice through new contracts for technology advisory services to private schools across the country.

Working with the Washington International School (WIS) in Washington, DC, CELT is providing technology planning and IT project management oversight services to assist the school in improving the use of technology by students, parents, and faculty. Led by Drs. Laurie Keating and Helen Soulé, the project will result in an information technology blueprint for WIS, which will serve as the foundation for improving student achievement and planning for the future. Dr. Keating is CELT's Executive Vice President for Technology Planning and Dr. Soulé is a consultant to CELT and president of Soulé Consulting Services.

Keating and Soulé are directing the WIS project using CELT's nationally validated (USDOE) IT Blueprint and technology planning model as well as ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) guidelines and standards. ISTE is a leadership and service organization that provides guidance and information about the use of educational technology on a national and international level.

Mr. Clayton Lewis, Head of School, is pleased with the project's progress. "From the start, we knew that a well-developed technology plan was key to our future planning and development. By embracing a fresh perspective on all aspects of our technology, we're even more confident that we're on the right path for using technology to enhance student achievement, staff productivity, and operational efficiency."

In other independent school projects, CELT is providing secure Internet and E-mail services to the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Boston. CELT has also worked with the Milton Hershey Schools in Pennsylvania, the New England Center for Children, the Northfield/Mt. Hermon School in Massachusetts, the McCallie School in Tennessee, and Westminster Schools in Georgia.

## About the Washington International School

Washington International School (WIS) is a coeducational day school offering 890 students a challenging curriculum and rich language program from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The programs - the Primary Years Program (PYP), the Middle Years Program (MYP), and the IB Diploma Program—culminate in the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. WIS equips children with the tools to master rigorous academic challenges in math, science, languages, literature, and social sciences, and an international focus helps them tackle broader challenges beyond the textbook. They learn global citizenship and individual integrity as they develop the skills to deal with life experiences. An active sports schedule, community service in Washington DC and around the world, and travel programs—for study and for fun—take WIS students out into the world, while on campus they are involved in theatre and music, art, journalism, cooking, and debate, and many other activities.

## **About CELT**

CELT helps K-12 leaders develop and implement IT strategies and systems that truly align technology with the core mission of today's schools - achievement, accountability, and staff development.

Working with the vision, mission, and goals of educational organizations, CELT, a leading research, planning, and systems integration provider, assists with the implementation of technology in support of contemporary educational reform initiatives.

Through the implementation management of technology-based programs and services, CELT works collaboratively with educational organizations to not only support but also transform 21st century teaching, learning, and management. CELT helps public and private learning organizations at all levels with the identification, procurement, implementation, training, and integration of information products and services. This is accomplished by working cooperatively with the organization's staff and community in conjunction with regional, national, and international information technology vendors and educational associations.

CELT is one of the most comprehensive providers of research/planning programs, systems integration services, and customized decision support solutions.

CELT's goal is to provide services of the highest quality, with a focus on student achievement, in the most timely, efficient and cost-effective ways possible using the latest information technology architecture. For more information, visit www.celtcorp.com.

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