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PLA Scholars Master IREAD-3

Indianapolis, INDIANA – At the George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academy (PLA), 93% of students passed the March IREAD-3 standardized examination, indicating that the vast majority of PLA’s third grade students are proficient in reading.

The Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination assessment – the IREAD-3 – is a standardized exam designed to measure the reading skills of Indiana’s third grade students. State education officials began requiring that schools administer the exam in 2012 as part of a statewide push to emphasize the importance of early reading proficiency.

“Third grade marks a critical milestone when children should transition from learning to read to reading to learn,” said PLA Founder and CEO Earl Martin Phalen. “We’re very pleased to announce that our scholars demonstrated outstanding performance on the IREAD-3, and we’re grateful for the tremendous support of our partners, families, and parents that is so critical to our scholars’ success.”

For more information, visit www.phalenacademies.org or call Earl Martin Phalen at (617) 818-1959.

About PLA

George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academies (PLA) – named in honor of Founder Earl Martin Phalen’s parents – is a nonprofit network of tuition-free public schools that help children excel academically and grow as well-rounded individuals. Some of PLA’s key features include two exceptional educators in every classroom; a longer school day and school year; evidence-based curriculum; engaging afternoon enrichment classes including art, music, and physical education; and a “blended learning” model which engages children in personalized small group and digital instruction.