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SENATOR HARIDOPOLIS TO VISIT INDIAN RIVER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Vero Beach, FL – On Thursday, May 22, State Senator Mike Haridopolis will visit Indian River Charter High School in Vero Beach.

The Senator is there to speak with the graduating class – to offer congratulations and words of advice for the future. Come this fall, 40 percent of the senior class will be attending a 4-year university, 50 percent have registered at a community college, and the balance will enter the workforce or Armed Services.

Located at 6055 College Lane in Vero Beach, Indian River Charter High School's mission is to give students the opportunity to develop a new set of competencies and foundational skills that will help them enjoy a productive, full, and satisfying life. Since its inception in 1998, this "B" school has focused on providing character development, academic achievement, career preparation, and cultural awareness in a small, public, non-traditional high school environment. In addition, this public charter school offers a Senior Seminar class that is designed to specifically address preparing for post-secondary goals. The class requires students to complete a senior portfolio that focuses on future plans, whether it is four-year college, vocational training, community college, armed services, or work force. The program also provides students the opportunity to meet representatives from a variety of organizations and educational institutions.

For more than ten years, public charter schools have been a vital, thriving component of Florida's K-12 public education system – now serving close to 100,000 K - 12th grade students in more than 350 charter schools. Charter schools are public schools that are operated by individuals or groups under contract with their sponsor – either a local public school district or the state's Florida Schools of Excellence commission. They are required to participate in federal and state accountability programs, such as FCAT and No Child Left Behind, are staffed with state-certified teachers and are held strictly accountable for both academic and financial performance, and charter schools give parents an opportunity to be involved decision-makers in their children's education. There are currently more than 104,000 students attending public charter schools statewide.

WHO: State Senator Mike Haridopolis

WHAT: State Senator Haridopolis to speak with the Class of 2008 graduates

WHEN: Thursday, May 22
10 a.m.

WHERE: Indian River Charter High School
6055 College Lane, Vero Beach

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