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***Girls in Action*™
EXPANDS NATIONALLY TO THE DETROIT AREA!**

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Minneapolis, MN – January 2008 – Inkster Public Schools located in the Detroit area, welcomes the *Girls in Action*™ Project as an innovative program for their high school girls. On Wednesday, January 30, 2008, *Girls in Action*™ Founder/Director, Dr. Verna Cornelia Price will join forces with Inkster Public Schools to launch the city's first *Girls in Action*™ program.

Inkster High School's Superintendent Thomas G. Maridada, II was recently named Michigan's 2008 Superintendent of the Year! It comes to no surprise that some of Detroit's most dynamic and powerful women leaders have also joined the team to make the expansion of *Girls in Action*™ at Inkster High School a success. The project brings together high school girls, educators, women leaders and community-based organizations to make a difference in their schools and communities.

Girls in Action™ a Power of People Leadership Institute™ project, engages high school girls in leadership development, service-learning, career coaching and personal empowerment. Founded in 2005 by Dr. Verna Cornelia Price, an educator, author, organizational consultant, and internationally known motivational speaker, *Girls in Action*™ strives to decrease and prevent violence among urban high school girls while positively reengaging them in academics and leadership.

Currently, *Girls in Action*™ works directly with over 400 female students in grades 9 -12 at North, Edison, Roosevelt and Henry High Schools in Minneapolis, MN. Staffed with certified *Girls in Action*™ Site Liaisons and Consultants, the weekly project extends throughout the academic year and is integrated into the regular school day. After numerous requests from major cities to explore the implementation of the project, Dr. Price is thrilled to launch *Girls in Action*™ in Inkster Public Schools located in the Detroit area as the first official national *Girls in Action*™ site.

“Our national expansion launch is truly a remarkable and exciting time for the project. I believe Detroit is ready to get their girls to their next level of success in school and life and *Girls in Action*™ will work with them to make that happen,” says Dr. Price. The *Girls in Action*™ national expansion was supported by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation located in Battle Creek, Michigan.