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**Brighton School Selected as
Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Affiliate School**

Lynnwood, Washington (October 18, 2011)—Students and educators at the Brighton School in Lynnwood had reason to celebrate today as they received word that they have been named an Affiliate School by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

After a competitive selection process, Brighton School joins a network of schools across the nation committed to rigorous, document-based history education. Students and teachers at Brighton School will receive direct access to Gilder Lehrman's award-winning resources for teachers and students.

Brighton School teachers will have an open gateway to the Gilder Lehrman Institute's extensive collection of over 60,000 documents illustrating the history of the United States through a members-only web portal. This includes access to recorded lectures and podcasts by noted historians, priority standing for summer professional development seminars, assistance with creating history clubs, support in pursuing grant opportunities, and other resources for Brighton School students.

This affiliation will greatly benefit our Middle School students as it will allow them access to primary historical sources that are privately held by the Gilder Lehrman Institute and that will be made available for Brighton's use. There is an extensive Civil War collection which is causing one fifth grade teacher at Brighton intensive joy and excitement.

Another benefit to this affiliation is that the Summer Institute for Teachers courses may be more accessible for Brighton teachers to attend. There are over 30 courses in the summer covering American History topics to enrich existing curriculum and to enhance the lessons using primary documents.

Open to K-12 schools invested in the study and love of American history, the Gilder Lehrman Affiliate Schools Program receives hundreds of applications from schools across the country each year. Selected by a panel of teachers and administrators at the Institute, Gilder Lehrman Affiliate Schools demonstrate a profound commitment to American history education and literacy. More information is available at www.gilderlehrman.org.

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nonprofit organization improving and enriching American history education through a wide range of programs and resources for students, teachers, scholars, and history enthusiasts throughout the nation. Gilder Lehrman creates and works closely with history-focused schools; organizes summer seminars and development programs for teachers; produces print and digital publications and traveling exhibitions; hosts lectures by eminent historians; administers a History Teacher of the Year Award in every state and U.S. territory; and offers national book prizes and fellowships for scholars to work in the Gilder Lehrman Collection as well as other renowned archives. Gilder Lehrman hosts www.gilderlehrman.org, serving as the gateway to American history online and featuring the quarterly online journal *History Now*, designed specifically for K-12 teachers and students.