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## Grants That Make a Difference

October 1, 2004

### New International High School Opens in New York City

The Flushing International High School welcomed its first class of students last month. Like the four other international high schools in New York City, the new school will incorporate English as a second language in the curriculum, improving the college prospects of students who lack English proficiency.

The program is currently located at JHS 189 in northeast Queens, an area with a large immigrant population. While the school is open to students who have lived in the United States for fewer than four years, principal Joe Luft notes that one-third of this year's class has been in the country for less than three months.

Claire Sylvan, the director of International Partnership Schools, remarks, "It's wonderful. In every class kids are meaningfully engaged... They've really forged a common vision to make these kids comfortable."

The program is funded by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, a strong supporter of international schools.

*Koons, Cynthia. "Flushing International High School Welcomes Newcomers" Flushing Times Ledger, September 16, 2004.*

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3. Who received the grant - Your organization's name, contact person's name (if applicable), address, telephone and Web site (if applicable).
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