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***Local School Becomes Oregon's 1<sup>st</sup> Elementary to Offer  
Breakthrough Program by Best-Selling Author***

**CORNELIUS, OR - August 12, 2010**— While economics compel some school districts to consider cutting programs, one Oregon elementary is adding a new program with the goal of "Inspiring Greatness" in and beyond the classroom.

"We are thrilled to be one of only two institutions in the state to offer this program. 'The Leader in Me' has produced incredible results in some of the most challenged schools and communities in the nation. This profound yet simple approach creates a better learning atmosphere and teaches children principles they need in the increasingly challenging work and school environments," explains Jean Faszholz, Program Facilitator at Forest Hills Lutheran School. "We've seen amazing enthusiasm and eagerness from the faculty who are in the process of completing the training sessions. They are anxious to work together as a team and launch this innovative program with our students and parents this fall."

Forest Hills Lutheran School will begin the program, inspired and designed by popular author Stephen R. Covey, this fall. Covey has sold over 20 million books in 38 languages. His hugely successful book - *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, led Covey to author *The Leader in Me*, a book targeting children with the same time-proven principles of fairness, integrity, honesty, and human dignity.

The partnership with Forest Hills is the first of its kind for an elementary in Oregon. Studies overwhelmingly show that integrating the program into the culture of the school produces continuous gains year after year. Students and schools benefit in the following ways:

- Develops the skills and self-confidence needed to be a 21st Century leader
- Decreases discipline referrals
- Builds character and leadership while maintaining core curriculum
- Improves academic achievement
- Raises level of engagement and teamwork between parents and staff

For information on Forest Hills Lutheran School: <http://www.fhls.org/index.htm>  
For information on The Leader in Me: <http://www.theleaderinme.org/>



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