

## NEWS

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# Press Release

## ***Street School Welcomes International Visitors*** **Four Indonesian Educators tour after visiting other schools in Washington DC, New York and Philadelphia**

**Tulsa, Ok – September 19, 2011** - - Street School, an alternative school of choice, hosted four educators from various parts of Indonesia who are touring North America to gain a better understanding of the American education system. The Indonesian school system representatives came to Street School after making stops in Washington DC; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Albany, New York where they toured a variety of private and public institutions, elementary and secondary schools and vocational schools.

The Indonesian guests were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Hosted by the Tulsa Global Alliance, the goal of their visit to Street School was to take a look at an alternative education program that works. "We are impressed with the counseling portion of your program", said Dr. H. Ufar Ismail who is a Vice Principal at State Junior High in Sekar, Bojonegoro, East Java, Indonesia. "Our educational system does not provide any level of therapy but I can see why it is important."

The Department of State outlined four professional objectives for their time in the United States. Of most importance was gaining an understanding of the American education system, its structure, administration and support services, funding and network building.

Additionally, they are examining the role of community organizations, religious-based organizations, social organizations and education activities in promoting a quality education. When Ms. Asmawati, a Vice Principal of State Senior High School in Binjai, North Sumatra,

Indonesia learned that the Street School theme is, the World in your Classroom, she was impressed at how much real-world education takes place outside of the classroom walls. “That is a very good concept that has many applications”, she said.

The group spent a good bit of time in the art classroom where instructor Laura Abbott showed the variety of artistic mediums students have access too. On this day, students were working on a variety of pottery projects that will be used for the upcoming Street School fundraising event. When the Indonesian guests learned the amount of money Street School must raise to keep the school operating, they were excited at how the students are involved in doing their part. “This instills value for your students,” commented Asmawati.

After their visit to Street School, the group is going to Sacramento, California where they will tour a variety of private education facilities.

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**About Street School:** Street School is a tuition-free dropout prevention, intervention, and recovery program for students in grades 9 through 12 who live in the Tulsa Public Schools district. Services include high school education and therapeutic counseling. Additionally, Street School has a certified drug and alcohol treatment program.

As an alternative school, the Street School program incorporates teaching through real life experiences which reinforce key learning outcomes. With an average of 140 students and a focus on learning that engages the whole person, Street School is a great place to earn a high school diploma.