



**Nine13sports Expands Program Commitment with Indianapolis Public Schools**

**Indianapolis, IN — October 9, 2012** — Local youth-focused exercise and health nonprofit Nine13sports has agreed to provide programming to multiple Indianapolis Public School locations during the organization’s last six-week session of the year. The nonprofit will bring its health and fitness bicycling program for the first time to the physical education classes of George Buck Elementary School after the school’s fall break. It will also return to Merle Sidener Academy to provide another six-week program session.

“It is amazing to watch the children engage with the bicycles and computer technology. Even more exciting is witnessing their need to give a best effort both individually and as a member of a team culture,” says George Buck Elementary teacher Terry Smalls. Smalls experienced the energetic Nine13sports’ programs during the organization’s fall six-week session when it provided an afterschool program for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis at the George Buck Elementary School.

Smalls adds, “Nine13sports and their program curriculum are a key supplement to the reinforcement of the health and wellness initiatives tackled everyday by physical education teachers across the country.”

“The staff and students at Sidener Academy were wonderful to work with during our fall six-week session,” shares Nine13sports Operations Director Ken Nowakowski, “and they set the bar high as an excellent program partner. We feel it is important to expand our programs within IPS to work with additional classes and new participants. This allows us to directly support and influence the growth of the health and wellness culture in schools.”

Nine13sports will be at each facility one day per week to work with students during their physical education classes. The six-week program will continue to promote bicycling as a fun and effective tool for the kids to achieve and maintain a healthier lifestyle. Nine13sports will also schedule other single-day events at schools and community youth programs throughout Central Indiana.

**About Nine13sports:**

*Indy Velo (dba Nine13sports) is a Central Indiana 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes health, wellness, and exercise for local youth between the ages of 8 and 18, using bicycling as the gateway. We have created a unique program in which we have integrated the traditional bicycle with technology to provide a turnkey product for youth programs, schools and other community organizations at no cost to them. In addition to individual betterment of health and fitness, our programs promote community, teamwork and mutual respect for one another. Our vision is to use the art and sport of cycling to teach and positively influence our participants and leave a lasting impact. For additional information please visit [www.nine13sports.org](http://www.nine13sports.org) or email [info@nine13sports.org](mailto:info@nine13sports.org).*

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