

## **AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT AND HERFF JONES TERMINATE ACQUISITION AGREEMENT**

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**AUSTIN, TX – December 5, 2008** – American Achievement Group Holding Corp. (“AAGH”), the parent company of American Achievement Corporation (“AAC”), today announced that its acquisition agreement with Herff Jones has been mutually terminated because the parties have not received the required regulatory approvals necessary to complete the transaction.

“AAC remains a highly successful company with a healthy balance sheet, full stable of best-in-class products and the most talented and dedicated employees and sales representatives in the industry,” stated Don Percenti, President and Chief Executive Officer of AAC. “We are confident in our ability to grow, compete and serve our valued customers as we execute our strategic plan as an independent company.”

Mr. Percenti added, “We have a great deal of respect for Herff Jones and its management team and wish them continued success with all future endeavors.”

Ropes & Gray LLP acted as legal advisors to AAC and Fenway Partners and Lane, Berry & Co. International and Goldman, Sachs & Co. acted as financial advisors.

### **About American Achievement**

American Achievement Corporation (AAC) is a provider of products that forever mark the special moments of people’s lives. As the parent company of brands such as ArtCarved®, Balfour®, Keepsake®, and Taylor Publishing, AAC’s legacy is based upon the delivery of exceptional, innovative products, including class rings, yearbooks, graduation products, achievement publications and affinity jewelry through in-school and retail distribution. For more information, visit [www.AmericanAchievementCorp.com](http://www.AmericanAchievementCorp.com).

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