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Ingham Intermediate School District Celebrates the Completion of North Star School

Mason, MI – Ingham Intermediate School District has officially cut the ribbon and opened the brand-new North Star School on its campus in Mason, MI. This project will serve students with special needs by combining the programs formerly known as Secondary Learning Center and Evergreen into the North Star School.

The North Star School project was made possible through a Headlee Restoration Millage which was passed by voters on March 10, 2020. Prior to the passing of the millage, students were split between the Evergreen program and the Secondary Learning Center (SLC) based on age. The SLC has been serving students since 1979. The Evergreen program, which until the opening of this new building was operating within a portable building on the ISD's campus, has been serving students since 2003. The 15,100 square foot addition features 7 classrooms, a new gymnasium, bathrooms, a secure entrance and administrative offices.

"Our shared vision for North Start School was to expand and provide new spaces where students feel empowered to reach their fullest potential. Students can continue learning and growing within these new and innovative spaces alongside their existing teachers and fellow students," said Jason Mellema, Superintendent of Ingham Intermediate School District. "The ribbon-cutting ceremony marks a new beginning of their educational journey, and Ingham ISD looks forward to continued community support in empowering these exceptional young minds."

Ingham ISD offers an array of instructional programs and support services to students with disabilities, from birth to age 26, in collaboration with local school districts, public school academies and non-public schools. Services range from assistance to students within their own district classrooms to the operation of special schools and programs like North Star School. Ingham ISD serves over 6,500 students who are eligible for special education services. These needs arise from physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities. In addition to special education, Ingham ISD offers programs and services in general education and career and technical education.

"We are immensely grateful to our board members for their leadership and vision as well as the community for their ongoing support for students with special needs. Additionally, our staff has been outstanding in helping to create and design the North Star School into the remarkable learning environment we are celebrating today," added Mellema.

Ingham Intermediate School District offers programs and services to families, students and staff in the districts of Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. For more information, visit www.inghamisd.org.

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