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EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY: AN EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

At Tuesday's Board meeting the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees voted to move forward with their plan to establish an early college high school by entering into a partnership with Vincennes University. Superintendent Dr. Karyle Green stated, "East Allen University will be a highly focused high school program where students can earn an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma while also earning college credits toward an Associate Degree from Vincennes University. The program will include internships with business partners, project based learning, and inquiry learning. One of the key concepts of the school will be a personalized school environment promoting the inclusion and belonging of all students leading to high academic achievement through enhanced support structures".

The corporation has been working since early summer to design an innovative 9-12 program to go into the closed Paul Harding High School space. The school is scheduled to open in August with approximately 60-100 freshmen and grow to approximately 350-425 students over the next four years. Current 8th grade students from across the district as well as those from outside the East Allen boundaries have the opportunity to apply. Doug Hicks assistant principal at New Haven High School and a leader in planning the school indicated daily schedules will include additional study and resource time for all students as well as daily collaboration time for staff. He also stated students will have access to the vast online Vincennes media resources, that students would be utilizing a high level of technology, focusing on 21st century skills, with an emphasis on social and character skill building. Of great benefit to students and parents is that up to 62 transferable university credits can be earned at no cost or a very minimal cost to students through the Vincennes University partnership.

Current EACS 8th grade students and their parents will be invited to meetings in January to learn more about the opportunities of East Allen University and how to apply for the new school. In addition, meetings will be scheduled in early February for students outside of the district who may be interested in the Early College Academy at East Allen University.

Currently there are over 250 early colleges across the county and that number is expected to exceed 300 by next fall. The early college concept utilized by Vincennes University is based on the research of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with 86% of graduates pursuing additional higher education.

For more information contact Karyle Green, Superintendent at 260-446-0100 or kgreen@eacs.k12.in.us or Doug Hicks, Early College Administrator at 260-446-0220 or dhicks@eacs.k12.in.us.

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