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### Highfields' Reaching Higher Program Expands To Lansing Area Schools

*Onondaga, Michigan – June 7, 2017* – Highfields was awarded a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education to expand their after-school program, Reaching Higher, into three schools in the Lansing area, and renew one existing site at Gardner Middle School. Highfields will receive an annual amount of \$540,000 for the next five years.

Highfields' After School Project Director, Brenda Weck, was thrilled to receive the grant. Highfields was one of seven applications that were approved in the state.

“There is a great need in this country for quality after school programming that helps students achieve academic success,” said Weck. “Reaching Higher has a proven ten-year history of being able to provide this to students here in Mid-Michigan.”

Reaching Higher will be expanding into Attwood, Pleasant View, and Dwight Rich schools. The program will start by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 13 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit [www.highfields.org](http://www.highfields.org).

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