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New Highfields Reaching Higher Location in East Jackson Schools

*Jackson Michigan – February 22, 2022,* – Highfields, Inc. and East Jackson Community Schools have partnered together to offer an after school program, Reaching Higher, similar to ones that are being offered at eight other school sites through the Michigan Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

Students in Reaching Higher have been shown to improve their social skills, develop their interests and earn better grades. East Jackson Community Schools showed interest in offering Reaching Higher to their students and reached out to Highfields to set the program into motion.

Highfields’ After-School Manager, Brenda Weck, and her team used the Reaching Higher model to build the framework of the program to what has already been proven to work well with students.

The East Jackson Reaching Higher Program started on January 10th and the site operates at their Middle School and High School.  The East Jackson administration determined that their greatest need was for Highfields to provide the program to students in 7th through 9th grades.

 “We currently have three students enrolled and are already seeing growth in them,” said Weck. “Recruitment is on-going and we hope to have more students soon.”

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.

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