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Highfields' Reaching Higher Program Renewed in Jackson County

*Onondaga, Michigan – June 4, 2019* – Highfields is pleased to announce their Out of School Time Program, Reaching Higher, is renewed for five more years in four Jackson area schools: Springport Middle School, Hunt Elementary, Da Vinci Primary School, and Townsend Elementary.

“It’s wonderful to be able to continue services for youth in Jackson,” said Brenda Weck, Highfields’ Reaching Higher Project Director.

In 2017, Highfields’ Reaching Higher program expanded into Lansing. The program is offered in eight schools in Jackson and Ingham counties. The Reaching Higher program at Leslie Middle School was not renewed.

“We have served the Leslie community for over ten years and we will continue to look for more opportunities in the future,” said Weck.

Reaching Higher is made possible through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers grant on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education.

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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).