



Perry Township Schools

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Construction Officially Begins on State's First High School Entrepreneurship Program located on University Campus

Perry Township, Ind – Construction is now underway on Perry Township Schools' \$30 million entrepreneurship and innovation center at the University of Indianapolis. This historic program marks the first of its kind in the state of Indiana-offering students at both Perry Meridian and Southport High Schools an immersive, career connected learning experience in business, innovation and entrepreneurship on a university campus. Students are taking courses taught by Perry Township Schools educators, with opportunities to work alongside industry professionals and engage in real-world, project-based learning.

The 52,000 square feet, state of the art facility is expected to be completed by the start of the 2028 school year. The center will feature four cutting edge studios equipped for design, prototyping and business development, along with four fully outfitted classrooms. Additional spaces will include makerspaces, co-working offices, instructional studios and a pitch area designed to mirror professional work environments.

"This center represents a significant investment in our students and their futures," said Perry Township Schools Superintendent Dr. Patrick Spray. "We are creating an environment where students can move beyond traditional classroom learning and develop the skills, confidence and experience they need to succeed in college, careers and entrepreneurship. We are grateful to our partners at the University of Indianapolis for helping make this vision a reality."

"Perry Township Schools has developed an ambitious plan to create a bold opportunity for students to thrive, and the University of Indianapolis is proud to help bring that idea to life on our campus," said University of Indianapolis President Dr. Tanuja Singh. "There is something powerful about high school students learning in a university environment where they can see college as attainable while gaining the skills and confidence to pursue their goals. As this center takes shape, we hope this partnership inspires others to think differently about how K-12 schools and higher education can work together to expand opportunity, strengthen communities and prepare students for the future."

The program began this fall, in its temporary location at Martin Hall. For more information, visit PerrySchools.org/innovate.

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