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SUBJECT: MARCH TO JAMES STEPHENS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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James Stephens International Academy is celebrating its first year as part of the Lee County Public Schools family. The school is currently housed in a temporary location, with the finishing touches being put on the new, permanent school facility. To celebrate the new beginning, the school has scheduled a march from James Stephens International Academy's staging location to the new, permanent school site.

The school is new this year – a joining of the former Lee Middle School and Michigan International Academy into a K-8 academy.

At **10 a.m. Monday, November 2nd** the schoolwide march will begin at the staging school site (4312 East Michigan Avenue) and proceed to the permanent school facility, located at 1333 Marsh Avenue, Fort Myers. There will be music from the school's Mustang Band and the Dunbar High School Band and the celebration will include the Stephens family as well as other District and community leaders. At the conclusion, students and staff will make their way to class where the school day will continue as usual.

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