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Lindsey Student Support Center to host Open House and Community Picnic



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District will host an Open House and Community Picnic at the Lindsey Student Support Center on April 17. The event will begin with a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. followed by tours and a community picnic.

The Lindsey Student Support Center offers opportunities for learning and support to the Houston County community, as well as services aimed at developing the whole child. Young children will benefit from programs dedicated to early learning and literacy housed within the Center. Students and parents have access to the Center during the school day and after school hours.

In order to determine what services to provide, the District surveyed students and their families earlier in the school year. Over 17,000 surveys were collected. The top services requested include:

- College and Career Prep
- Cooking Classes
- Mental Health physical, emotional, social
- Personal Care and Hygiene

Services provided through the Lindsey Student Support Center include:

- Academic Success and Technology Lab;
- Adaptive Physical Education Center and Sharks' Practice Facility;
- Available Space for Community Partners;
- Child Find Services;
- Donation Center for Clothing and Household Items;

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- Food Pantry;
- Literacy Center;
- Parent Mentor Office including a Parent Lab and Resource Library;
- Project AWARE; and
- Summer Meals.

The Center has space available for the District to host meetings, trainings and workshops. It also offers special programs, such as cooking classes taught by Houston Healthcare, summer ESOL classes, and College Night.

"The Lindsey Student Support Center is already a valuable asset to the families of Houston County," said Dr. Zabrina Cannady, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. "By adding resources and programs that meet the needs of our students, we are ensuring their academic, behavioral and socialemotional growth. We are very proud to provide this Center for our community and know the community partnerships will continue to flourish for years to come."

The Lindsey Student Support Center is located at 81 Tabor Drive in Warner Robins. For more information about the Center, visit <u>https://www.hcbe.net/lindseycenter</u>.

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