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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER, NOVI

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., June 9, 2015 — A groundbreaking ceremony was held today for a new 40,000 square foot early childhood education center to serve the Novi Community Schools community. TMP Architecture is providing architectural services for the \$10 million project, which is scheduled for completion in time for the 2016-2017 school year. The new center is located on the west side of Taft Road, south of 11 Mile Road.

After a series of interactive visioning sessions with community and district representatives, the design theme of the new center evolved into a “home away from home” for its 3 to 5 year old students. A major program goal is to allow parents time to walk their child directly into the school, with space to interact with teachers, other parents and administrators. Various porch entry points help break down the scale of the school and give identities to each age group and classroom, and allow for this interaction.

Inside the center, 18 learning studios (class areas) are open, stimulating and flexible. The environments are accented with color and plenty of natural light. A main circulation spine includes three major intersections that denote class “neighborhoods,” a gross motor development center, and the dining center. Collaboration areas, community education and preschool offices, active display and an interior playscape are also featured inside.

Also included in the new center is dedicated space for children with special needs, a secure welcome center and a themed “adventure playground.”

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