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Urbandale Middle School Ribbon Cutting Event May 20th

The Urbandale Middle School will hold a ribbon cutting event with the Urbandale Chamber to celebrate the completion of the multi-year remodeling and additions project

URBANDALE, Iowa – May 14, 2013 – In partnership with the [Urbandale Chamber of Commerce](#), the Urbandale Community School District extends an invitation to all community members to attend a special Celebration and Recognition Event at the [Urbandale Middle School](#) on Monday, May 20, 2013 beginning at 5:00pm. Since 2009, Urbandale Middle School has undergone extensive remodeling and additions; with the finishing touches recently completed in the commons, all project goals have been accomplished.

“We are so fortunate to have this facility for middle level learners in Urbandale. I cannot begin to thank the community for their support of education and the commitment made to middle level education in our district. With the completion of this project, Urbandale can compete with any district in central Iowa relative to facilities and technology available to our students,” said Dan Meyer, Principal, Urbandale Middle School.

Urbandale schools are on a quest for transforming education to bring learning to life for everyone. The foundation for this transformation is through a tactical philosophy known as [‘Quality/Continual Improvement’](#). Quality/Continual Improvement integrates data-based tools throughout the district in order to have a systematic way for collecting key data points, assessing data to determine effectiveness of teaching and learning practices, and then implementing changes to continually improve the system. This comprehensive approach to redesigning learning extends to the learning environments themselves, and is reflected in the recently completed Urbandale Middle School remodel and additions.

Community members are invited to join the district in celebrating and recognizing the effort, work, and dedication of Urbandale team members and partners to reach this significant milestone for Urbandale schools. Brief comments will be shared by Dr. Doug Stilwell, Superintendent of Schools, and Meyer beginning at 5:00pm, followed by a ribbon cutting with the Urbandale Chamber, and concluding with refreshments and student-guided tours of the building. Urbandale Middle School is located at 7701 Aurora Avenue. The event will be held outside the main entry; if raining, it will move directly inside.

About Urbandale Chamber of Commerce

The Urbandale Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit business membership association. It is an action organization designed to meet business and community needs. Whether it's through economic development, networking events, business information, or advertising opportunities, member companies capitalize on contacts and resources provided by the Urbandale Chamber of

Commerce. More than 640 businesses are part of Urbandale's largest coalition of businesses. While many members are large corporations, more than 75 percent of members have fewer than 20 employees. The Urbandale Chamber of Commerce continues to play a key role in making good things happen in Urbandale by exerting leadership in decisions that affect the area. To learn more, visit: www.uniquelyurbandale.com

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About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 4,000 students in six elementary schools, one middle school, and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) tools and tactics that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge, and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming life-long learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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