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Montessori School of Dayton Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Public and private partnership funds building upgrades

Kettering, OH – August 27, 2014 – The Montessori School of Dayton celebrates its 50th anniversary and recent facility improvements provided by the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) and STANLEY Security with a rededication event and all-school assembly this afternoon.

Tim Meixner, President of the Montessori School of Dayton, will be joined by David Goodman, Director of the ODSA and Paul Hevesy, Vice President – Area Sales of STANLEY Security to commemorate the occasion. The school completed substantial security and energy efficiency upgrades through a loan from the State of Ohio and a \$100,000 grant from STANLEY Security through the organization's TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS Grant Program.

The Montessori School of Dayton is a private, nonprofit Montessori school, serving students from preschool years through eighth grade. Founded in 1964, the school has grown into the largest private Montessori school in the Dayton area.

“The Montessori School of Dayton community is thrilled to celebrate 50 years as the Dayton region's premier Montessori learning environment,” Meixner said. “We are extremely grateful to STANLEY Security for their generosity and to the Ohio Development Services Agency for their energy efficiency loan program. The quality products and expert staff at STANLEY made the process of upgrading our security and fire alarm system worry-free. Additionally, the staff at the ODSA was with us every step of the way, allowing us to take our solid 1950's building into the 21st century. Our faculty, students and families

can look forward to another 50 years of exceptional learning in a secure, energy efficient campus.”

A low-interest, state loan also allowed the school to upgrade its boiler, install central air conditioning and new windows, and add insulation. These improvements will increase the building’s energy efficiency and improve the comfort for the students. The Energy Loan Fund offers low-interest financing to businesses, manufacturers, public entities and nonprofits for energy efficiency and advanced energy projects that achieve a minimum of 15 percent energy use reduction.

“The energy upgrades improve the learning environment, and the money that used to be spent on energy costs can be reinvested in the classroom,” Goodman said.

As a recipient in the STANLEY Security TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS Grant Program, the Montessori School of Dayton was awarded a grant of \$100,000 in STANLEY Security installed products and services. STANLEY Security’s TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS Grant Program is a national contest established by the organization in 2013 to help schools enhance security on their campuses. In its first year, the program offered U.S. schools the opportunity to rally students, teachers and communities to win STANLEY Security installed products and services through a \$500,000 grant. As one of the nearly 1,000 schools that were nominated from throughout the country, the Montessori School of Dayton accrued a considerable number of votes to be named a runner-up and winner in the contest in January 2014.

The \$100,000 grant from STANLEY Security provided the school with significant security upgrades, including verified alarm monitoring services, an integrated video surveillance and video management solution with updated megapixel cameras, a comprehensive intercom system, intruder function locksets for classrooms and fire safety monitoring.

“We’re incredibly proud of the comprehensive solution STANLEY Security has been able to offer to the Montessori School of Dayton on their 50th anniversary school year,” Hevesy said. “We are confident that the products and services provided through this grant will only serve to bolster the security of students and faculty members of this premier educational institution, maintaining the Montessori School of Dayton’s reputation as a celebrated fixture in the community for decades to come.”

For information on the Montessori School of Dayton, please visit www.montessoridayton.com. To learn more about the Ohio Development Services Agency’s Energy Loan Fund, please visit energy.development.ohio.gov. For more information on STANLEY Security and the TOGETHER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS Grant Program, please visit www.STANLEYSecurity.com.

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