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## MEDIA ADVISORY

Thursday, October 19, 2017

### Watch the Sky: Lancaster ISD Unveils Student-Built Airplane

**Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD** – Lancaster ISD invites the community to the “From the Classroom to the Clouds: **Airplane Reveal** event on **Friday, October 20** at the Lancaster Regional Airport at 730 Ferris Road in Lancaster, Texas from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**.

After 12 months of intentional work in a hangar at the Lancaster Regional Airport, we want you to witness the pride of our Lancaster ISD students as they see their operable Cessna 182 student-built airplane soar across the sky.

The student airplane build was a hands-on STEM Learning Challenge for the students to integrate their classroom knowledge into a real world environment with Captain Barrington Irving’s Experience Aviation: Operation Build & Soar program and the new non-profit partner, Wings of Hope.

Wings of Hope will utilize the aircraft in its service missions to deliver essential resources to the poor worldwide and to use the plane in the United States for medical air transport.

In Lancaster ISD, educators believe in providing students with engaged, relevant, learning experiences that will yield a quality education and lead to a quality life.

Prior to this event, we invite the community to step outside and #WatchTheSky to see the airplane built by students fly over the city of Lancaster around 4:30 PM.

The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds and a small white Cessna 182 airplane flying. At the top center is the Lancaster ISD logo. Below it, the text 'FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE CLOUDS' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a 3D effect. Underneath, 'AIRPLANE REVEAL' is written in large white letters on an orange banner, followed by 'OCTOBER 20 FROM 5:30 PM-7:30 PM' in white. The bottom section of the poster has a blue background with white text: 'Through a hands-on STEM challenge, implemented by Experience Aviation, our students were challenged to build an operable four-seater Cessna 182 single engine aircraft.' Below that, it says 'Now that the aircraft is complete, it will be utilized by Wings of Hope whose mission is to deliver resources to the poor worldwide and provide medical air transport in the United States.' A photo shows two students working on the airplane. At the bottom, it lists 'LANCASTER REGIONAL AIRPORT 730 Ferris Rd, Lancaster, TX 75146' and includes logos for Lancaster ISD, Wings of Hope, and Build & Soar.

Please take to time to join us for this commemorative ceremony, meet the students, capture photos, see the airplane and celebrate this major milestone for Lancaster ISD.

For more information, coverage opportunities and schedule your interview, please send an email to Lancaster ISD Chief Communications Officer, Sonya Cole Hamilton at [sonyahamilton@lancasterisd.org](mailto:sonyahamilton@lancasterisd.org) or call 972-218-1433.

**Media Advisory Summary:**

**Who:** Lancaster ISD students and staff

**What:** From the Classroom to the Clouds: Student Built Airplane Reveal and Pinning Ceremony

**When:** Friday, October 20, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

**Where:** Lancaster Regional Airport, 730 Ferris Road, Lancaster, Texas 75146

**Why:** See this student-built plane soar in the sky and meet the students who accepted this STEM Learning Challenge.

**Additional info:** It is a free event for the family and is open to the public. Interview opportunities are available before and after the event.