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## **New Adult High School in Decatur Township Opening This Summer**

*The Excel Center® continues to offer education and career opportunities for adults who need a high school diploma*

**Indianapolis, Ind.** – Today, Goodwill announced The Excel Center, its high school for adults, will open a new location in July 2018- its sixth Indianapolis location. According to the United States Census Bureau, over 15% of Marion County residents over the age of 25 lack a high school diploma. Opening at 5106 S. High School Road in Indianapolis, The Excel Center allows students to pick up right where they left off in school and provides support and resources to meet their goals. With expedited curriculum and flexible scheduling, students can graduate quickly and prepare for postsecondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers students free on-site child care, transportation assistance, dual credit courses and industry-recognized certification opportunities-- all at no cost.

“A high school education opens a pathway to higher-wage careers and postsecondary opportunities,” said Betsy Delgado, vice president of mission and education at Goodwill. “The Excel Center’s expansion into the Decatur area will allow us to serve more families in Marion County.”

Sylvia Lane, who has been with Goodwill for nearly five years, has been named director. Lane is excited to serve The Excel Center’s newest location.

“The Excel Center has already been welcomed by residents and community partners,” Lane said. “We are excited to help adults earn their high school diploma and move towards the next step in life.”

Since 2010, nearly 4,000 students have graduated from the 12 central and southern Indiana locations, more than 5,000 industry-recognized certifications have been earned and 97% of students graduated with postsecondary credits. The average annualized increase in wages and job prospects of an Excel Center student is more than \$9,000.

The Excel Center is now enrolling at each of its locations; applications can be submitted at [excelcenter.org](http://excelcenter.org). For more information about The Excel Center or to schedule an interview with a student or faculty member, contact Jennifer Rendant, Director of Education Marketing & Communications.

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### **About Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana**

Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana changes lives every day by empowering people to increase their independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for

adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.