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## **Cal Community Center Opens with Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration**

**Caledonia, MI** – Caledonia Community Schools (CCS), in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids, officially opened the **Cal Community Center** with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 27. This state-of-the-art facility, made possible by the 2020 bond, is designed to be a hub for **recreation, wellness, and community engagement** for residents of all ages.

Hundreds of community members attended the celebration, which included remarks from district and community leaders and a **"First Splash"** in the competition pool by Caledonia High School swimmers, elementary and middle school students, and senior citizens—symbolizing the center's multigenerational influence.

Superintendent **Dirk Weeldreyer** emphasized the lasting impact of this project:

*"The Cal Community Center is a testament to the dedication of our Board of Education, district leaders, partners, and community members. Through their commitment, this vision became a reality. More than just a building, it's a place where students, families, and seniors can connect and create lasting memories. We look forward to seeing it enrich our community for years to come."*

The center features a **competition pool, leisure pool and splash pad, fitness and wellness area, indoor walking track, basketball court, and facilities for the Caledonia Resource Center**, which offers educational and enrichment programs.

**Monique Brennan, Community Education & Outreach Coordinator**, highlighted its role in strengthening community connections:

*"The Cal Community Center is more than just a building—it's a place for all ages to connect, learn, and create lasting memories. For over 30 years, the Caledonia Resource Center has enriched our community, and this new space allows us to expand that mission, providing a true home away from home for seniors, families, and students. Seeing this vision come to life is truly incredible."*

**Scott Lewis, President & CEO of the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids**, spoke about the power of community:

*"The Y is more than a gym and swim, we create community. Our partnership with Caledonia Community Schools and the Caledonia Resource Center exemplifies the YMCA's commitment to strengthening community through collaboration. The Cal Community Center will be a place where people of all ages can focus on their health, build connections, and be part of something greater. We are honored to help bring this vision to life."*

## **Join the Celebration!**

The **Grand Opening Weekend** continues **February 28 - March 2**, offering community members a chance to tour the facility, learn about programs, and sign up for YMCA memberships. **Beginning March 3, a membership will be required to access YMCA programming.**

For more information, visit [www.calschools.org/calcommunitycenter](http://www.calschools.org/calcommunitycenter).

Attached Photos:

1. Photo1.jpg - (Left to Right) - Mark Richter, Amy Marshall, Scott Lewis, Monique Brennan, Dirk Weeldreyer, Jessica Kohn, Katie Isic



2. Photo2.jpg - First Splash Jump



3. Photo3.jpg - First Splash Jump

