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New Partnership Provides Every Hamilton County School Kindergarten Student With Passes to the Creative Discovery Museum

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp today announced a partnership between Hamilton County Government, Hamilton County Schools, and the Creative Discovery Museum to provide every Kindergarten student in a Hamilton County School with free passes to the downtown children's museum. Each student will receive a total of four passes to use unlimited times throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, with a June 30th expiration date.

"The future of our county will be defined by how well we serve our youngest citizens today, and this partnership will give every kindergartener in our community an equal opportunity to experience our world-class Creative Discovery Museum," said Mayor Wamp. "My hope is that as families are adjusting to the first year of elementary school, they are able to use these passes to spend quality time playing and learning together."

This partnership, benefiting nearly 4,000 families across Hamilton County, was made possible by the county's commitment to the Creative Discovery Museum in the 2024 budget, which the Hamilton County Commission unanimously passed.

"More learning takes place in early childhood than any other time in a person's life, and caregiver interaction multiplies the impact," said Claire Stockman, Vice President of Education. "We at Creative Discovery Museum are proud to create a space where learners of all ages can explore, innovate, create, and play together. This wonderful partnership with Hamilton County will give access to the museum to all HCS kindergarteners and their caregivers and we can't wait to witness the learning, growing, and relationship-building that will build strong foundations and support classroom learning for the rest of these students' school careers."

"Hamilton County Schools appreciates the Mayor's Office and Creative Discovery Museum for their work in creating this family connection and learning experience," said HCS Superintendent Justin Robertson.

"Education is a shared responsibility, and the district's commitment to collaboration with community partners continues to provide opportunities for students and families to explore learning interests and find resources. We look forward to our students enjoying this premier interactive learning experience."

Passes will be distributed to Kindergarten classrooms across Hamilton County in the days and weeks to come.

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