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GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(Frankfort, KY) – A groundbreaking ceremony for a new elementary school at the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) will be held Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. ET on the KSD campus in Danville. The event will be held rain or shine. A reception, catered by the school's culinary program students, will follow in Thomas Hall.

The as yet unnamed elementary school is a 16,500 square foot state-of-the-art facility designed especially with the needs of deaf students in mind, and includes classrooms, a multi-purpose room, small kitchen area and dormitory space for 20 students. The building is scheduled for completion in December.

The \$6 million project was funded as part of the fiscal year 2016-18 budget.

The Kentucky School for the Deaf serves about 100 deaf and hard of hearing students from preschool through grade 12 on its Danville campus. Students from throughout the state attend the school; some live on campus during the week, others attend as day students. The school also operates a statewide outreach program to support deaf and hard of hearing students in their home school districts.

WHAT: Groundbreaking for new elementary school

WHEN: Tuesday, March 13

10:30 a.m. ET

WHERE: Kentucky School for the Deaf Campus (between Kerr Hall and Thomas Hall), Danville

WHO: Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt

Kentucky Board of Education members

School for the Deaf Principal Toyah Robey

School for the Deaf students, alumni and supporters

Invited dignitaries

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