

## Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.

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*Rendering of new facility available for media use at [www.indianapolismet.org/den](http://www.indianapolismet.org/den)*

### Indianapolis Met to break ground June 3 for new \$2.6 million Puma Den

Indianapolis Metropolitan High School, a public charter high school operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives, will break ground for a \$2.6 million Puma Den, a 23,067-square-foot multi-functional facility that will mark the completion of the school's campus, at **9:30 a.m. Friday, June 3**, at the school.

**The Puma Den will be completely funded by private donations and not include any tax dollars.** The Puma Den, which has received a generous \$500,000 gift from the Efroymsen Family Fund, a Central Indiana Community Fund, still is actively working to raise \$700,000 to complete the facility. The new Puma Den will include:

- an IHSAA-regulation high school basketball and volleyball court with a hardwood floor.
- pull-out bleacher seating for 600 with seating capacity of approximately 1,400, including gym floor seating.
- a permanent, accessible stage on the east end for performing arts, convocations, and graduations.
- a trophy case and permanent display commemorating the Class A Championship Boys' Basketball Team of 2011.

The ground-breaking will include brief remarks from James M McClelland, President & CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana; C. Perry Griffith Jr., Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc.; Richard Bishop, Indianapolis Metropolitan High School Puma Boys' Basketball Coach; Owen B. Melton, Jr., Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc.; and Maribeth Smith, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc..

The Puma Den's architectural design was done by InterDesign, and Mattcon General Contractors, Inc., is the general contractor for the project.

Indianapolis Met has a current enrollment of 385 students, and 81.4% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. The school has a goal of 70% participation in after-school programs.

Indianapolis Met is operated by Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc., which opened the public high school in 2004. The school strives to significantly increase the high school graduation rate and the enrollment of students into post-secondary educational programs. For more information about Indianapolis Met and student enrollment, visit [www.indianapolismet.org](http://www.indianapolismet.org) or call (317) 524-4638.