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PRESS RELEASE

Saginaw Art Museum and Saginaw Intermediate School District Team up to Bring Art to Over 26,000 Students

The Saginaw Art Museum, in cooperation with the Saginaw Intermediate School District (ISD), will be developing the Arts for All program with a special focus on enriching students' lives through free memberships, youth programming, and field trips to the museum.

Through the initiative, students from all 12 public school districts, five public school academies, and 22 non-public schools in Saginaw County and their accompanying guests will gain admittance to the museum at no cost. When students come to the museum, they will indicate the school and grade they are from and be issued a unique Arts for All Membership Card that will be good for the duration of their K-12 education.

"We are excited to continue to remove barriers to participation in visits to the Saginaw Art Museum. Our vision is to spark the development of lifelong art lovers. We want to see students grow up with a richer appreciation for the value art brings to the community and beyond. The Saginaw ISD's reach with school districts makes it an ideal partner for helping make this program happen," says Mike Kolleth, President and CEO of the museum.

Saginaw ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Collier adds, "The Saginaw Intermediate School District is consistently looking for ways to add value to the lives of the students, educators, and other stakeholders we serve throughout our community. This collaboration with the Saginaw Art Museum presents an incredible opportunity to introduce and instill a love of art for more than 26,000 students and their families."

Throughout the summer and into the school year, drop-in and more structured art activities will be accessible at the museum both in the gallery spaces and in the museum's garden.

In addition to the program's membership and art activity portions, the Saginaw Art Museum is looking forward to welcoming field trips back to the museum in the fall with various targeted focus areas, including Social Emotional Learning and English Language Arts.

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ABOUT THE SAGINAW ART MUSEUM

The Saginaw Art Museum is part of the TempleArts family of arts organizations based in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region. Operating as a non-profit entity, TempleArts provides outstanding and inclusive cultural experiences in the performing and visual arts, serving our diverse and vibrant community. www.saginawartmuseum.org

ABOUT SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saginaw Intermediate School District (ISD) is an educational service agency that provides effective and innovative leadership, services, resources, and programs throughout Saginaw County. Saginaw ISD provides career and technical education, early childhood, finance, human resources, instruction, pupil accounting, special education, technology, and transportation services. In addition, Saginaw ISD operates multiple educational programs to meet the unique needs of students ages birth to 26 across Saginaw County, including: Hartley Outdoor Education Center, Head Start/Early Head Start and Great Start to Readiness Programs, Great Lakes Bay Early College, Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center School, and Special Education Center Programs.

Saginaw ISD serves 12 local school districts, five public school academies, and 22 non-public schools, with a total enrollment of approximately 26,000 students. Public school districts supported include: Birch Run Area Schools, Bridgeport-Spaulding Community School District, Carrollton Public Schools, Chesaning Union Schools, Frankenmuth School District, Freeland Community School District, Hemlock Public School District, Merrill Community Schools, Saginaw Public School District, Saginaw Township Community Schools, St. Charles Community Schools, and Swan Valley School District.

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