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KANSAS CITY GIRLS PREPARATORY ACADEMY UNVEILS \$50,000 MAKEOVER OF CENTRALLY LOCATED ROOM

MAKEOVER MADE POSSIBLE FROM BIG 12 CONFERENCE AND KANSAS CITY SPORTS COMMISSION, AND A GRANT FROM COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION

Media Invited to Attend (All Media Must Register at the Front Office)

WHO	The Big 12 Conference, Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation, Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation, and Lakeshore Learning Materials.
WHAT	To tip off the Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's and Women's Basketball Championships in Kansas City, the Big 12 Conference and the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation will reveal its latest joint legacy project - a makeover of a centrally located room at Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy in Kansas City, MO.
	The legacy project was made possible in partnership with the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers (EYFT) initiative and Lakeshore Learning Materials. With the \$50,000 grant, Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy has been able to transform a centrally located room, which students have previously used for storage of their possessions, into a space where students can learn in a welcoming and relaxing environment.
WHERE	Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy 5000 E. 17th St. Kansas City, MO 64127
WHEN	Tuesday, March 10 1:00 p.m.: Recommended Media Set-Up 2:00 p.m.: Students Gather in New Space for Unveiling – Wave I 2:06 p.m.: Remarks on Makeover (see speakers below in "Interviews Available" section) 2:30 p.m.: Students Gather in New Space for Unveiling – Wave II 2:35 p.m.: Brief Remarks 2:45 p.m.: Interviews Available (see speakers below in "Interviews Available" section)

WHY	The Big 12 Conference and the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation have a long-standing history of legacy projects in the area. Last year, the respective organizations completed a legacy project for a classroom makeover at Noble Prentis Elementary School in Kansas City. Other legacy projects in Kansas City have included renovating basketball courts at Oak Park in 2018, refurbishing a gymnasium at the Kansas School for the Deaf in 2017, and renovating basketball courts at the Urban Youth Baseball Academy in 2016. Additionally, the CFP Foundation is committed to elevating the teaching profession and helping make an impact on today's youth through education.
INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE	 Bob Bowlsby, Big 12 Commissioner Quinton Lucas, Kansas City Mayor Britton Banowsky, CFP Foundation Executive Director Christine Kemper, Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy Founder & Board Chair Derek Krogh, Lakeshore Learning Materials Kathy Nelson, Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation President & CEO

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About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

The mission of the <u>Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation</u> is to drive Kansas City's overall sports strategy, to enrich the quality of life, create economic impact and raise visibility for our region. As a privately-funded nonprofit, we are entirely dependent on your support. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> Instagram and <u>YouTube</u>. Also follow the Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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