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Livingston ESA Celebrates National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week Sept 16-20th.

Livingston County, MI – Today marks the beginning of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of education at all stages of life. The Livingston Educational Service Agency (ESA) whose vision is to lead the community to achieve educational excellence is proud to be at the forefront of supporting educational opportunities for residents of Livingston County, from birth through adulthood.

At Livingston ESA, we promote a culture of educational excellence for Livingston County through service, leadership, and collaboration and are dedicated to the education and success of each student in our county. Our programs and services give students, families, and educators the support necessary to ensure every student reaches their full potential. We believe that literacy is the cornerstone of lifelong learning and personal empowerment. Our commitment to fostering a literate and educated community is reflected in the wide range of programs we offer, supporting individuals at every stage of their educational journey. These programs include:

- Early-On Services: Providing early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays, ensuring they get the best start in life.

- Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP): A state-funded preschool program that prepares 4-year-old children for kindergarten by focusing on literacy and other essential kindergarten readiness skills.

- Preschool Programs: Offering a variety of preschool options that lay the foundation for a love of learning and literacy among young children.

- Special Education Services: Tailored educational support for students with disabilities, helping them achieve their full potential through personalized learning plans.

- Pathway School: A specialized program designed to meet the unique needs of students who require alternative education pathways, focusing on personalized learning and skill development.

- S.T.E.P. Program: A transitional program that supports students as they move from high school to adult life, emphasizing the skills needed for independence and success.

- WAY Program: An innovative program offering an alternative route to earning a high school diploma, using technology and flexible learning schedules to meet the needs of students.

- Adult Education: Providing adults with the opportunity to earn their high school diploma or GED, improve literacy skills, and prepare for college or the workforce.

- ESL Classes: English as a Second Language classes that support non-native speakers in achieving language proficiency, empowering them to participate fully in the community and workplace.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is an opportunity for us all to recognize the crucial role that education plays in building strong families, thriving communities, and a vibrant economy. This week, we encourage families to engage in literacy activities together, whether it's reading a book, writing a story, or simply sharing in the joy of learning. By nurturing a love for literacy, we pass on the gift of knowledge and opportunity to the next generation.

As we celebrate this important week, Livingston ESA reaffirms our commitment to providing accessible, high-quality education for all members of our community. We invite you to learn more about our programs and join us in supporting lifelong learning and literacy.

For more information about our programs and services, please visit <u>www.livingstonesa.org</u> or contact us directly at 517.540.6810