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# Quest Charter Academy

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## **New Charter School Coming To Taylor**

**Taylor, Mich., June 1, 2009** – To meet the growing demand of parents in the Taylor-area, a new charter school will open its doors in September. The board of Quest Charter Academy today announced its plans to open its doors to students in grades K-5 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Construction at Quest Charter Academy's new facility, is located on VanBorn Road just west of Telegraph in Taylor, is scheduled for completion in mid-August. The 45,000-square-foot-energy efficient building will feature individual art and music classrooms, a comprehensive media center, gymnasium and designated parent area. The surrounding campus will feature a large outdoor recreation area, adjoining playground, a paved play area, spacious parking lot and attractive landscaping.

Quest Charter Academy will initially have capacity for 426 K-5 students and will add one grade per year through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, eventually serving more than 700 students.

"I speak for the entire board when I say we're eager to offer parents in the Taylor community another high-quality educational option," said Ted Lang, board president. "Our goal with Quest Charter Academy is to create a safe, secure learning environment that fosters student achievement, that parents can have confidence in and that the community can be proud of."

The board has selected educational services provider National Heritage Academies (NHA) to manage the daily operations of the school. This includes recruiting, managing and developing staff and teachers, providing curriculum and managing the facility. NHA currently partners with boards at 60 other schools in six states serving more than 36,000 students.

"We have been extremely impressed with the success the other NHA-managed school in our area, Taylor Exemplar Academy, since opening its doors," said Lang. "With the school's success has come strong demand in the community for another school of its caliber in the area. NHA's cornerstones of academic excellence, strong moral focus, commitment to parental partnership and individual student responsibility is attractive to parents, serves students well and aligns with our vision for the school. We're confident this will be a positive long-term partnership."

A former board member with NHA's Canton Charter Academy, one of the top performing public schools in Michigan, Mr. Lang is a long-time advocate of school of choice for parents and children. A resident of Superior Township and father of three charter school-educated

children, Mr. Lang holds a J.D. degree from Michigan State University-DCL College of Law and has worked with the auto industry for more than 20 years. Joining Mr. Lang on the Quest Academy board is: Carla Caldwell (vice president), Christopher Douglas (treasurer) and Dan McHugh (secretary).

As a public, no-cost charter school, Quest Charter Academy is open to all students. The school is currently accepting applications and will officially open to students on September 8.

National Heritage Academies has scheduled informational meetings for parents interested in learning more about the new school. The meetings will be held at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., on June 22, at Taylor Exemplar Academy, located at 26727 Goddard Road in Taylor. Student enrollment applications for full-day kindergarten through fifth grade can be obtained by calling 866-NHA-ENROLL, in person at the information meeting or online at [www.nhaschools.com](http://www.nhaschools.com).

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