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incite Design Studio (iDS) Secures Naming Rights to Piper's Academy of Arts & Media

KANSAS CITY, KS – Piper USD 203 and the Piper Educational Foundation are pleased to announce that incite Design Studio, the architecture firm hired for the district's recent bond projects, has secured the naming rights and sponsorship of Piper's Academy of Arts & Media. Piper launched the Secure the Ship campaign in May to financially support Piper's Real World Learning programs and initiatives through partnership contributions and equipment donations.

The launch of Secure the Ship coincides with the grand opening of Piper's state-of-the-art high school opening this Saturday, August 17. The new, innovative wall-to-wall academy high school is the first of its kind in the state of Kansas and opens the door for a broad range of partnership opportunities. The design demonstrates a lab-based learning model, made up of six academies and various sectors. More information on the new high school and the campaign can be found at <https://www.piperschools.com/piper-educational-foundation>.

"incite Design Studio is extremely proud to sponsor the Arts & Media Lab at the brand-new Piper High School," said Brian Foxworthy, president of iDS. "Our design team has been honored to work with Piper USD 203 on this groundbreaking project, launching Kansas' first wall-to-wall academy high school. We can't wait to see students thrive in this innovative space, exploring their interests in graphic design, yearbook, art and broadcasting."

The Academy of Arts and Media at Piper School is an inspiring and dynamic environment designed to foster creativity and innovation across a variety of disciplines. Housing the sectors of performing arts, visual arts, digital media arts, and graphic design, this academy supports a comprehensive range of programs, including yearbook, art and broadcasting.

The broadcasting studio is a highlight, offering a sound-secure space for student-led projects such as morning announcements and sports broadcasting. The open main lab area is thoughtfully divided into zones featuring computer workstations and high-top tables, complemented by an additional computer lab and workroom. The Mac computer lab, equipped with Adobe Creative Suite, enhances the design capabilities of students, allowing them to produce professional-level work in

graphic design, digital media, and visual arts. This flexible layout ensures that furniture and equipment can be easily reorganized to accommodate evolving curriculum and program needs.

Exploring the space, one will find ample storage areas for instructional supplies, space and equipment to manufacture merchandise and other equipment needs, ensuring an organized and efficient environment. Through hands-on experience and practical learning opportunities, students will develop the essential skills required for future careers in the arts and media industries.

“On behalf of Piper USD 203, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to incite Design Studio for their generous purchase of the naming rights to the Academy of Arts & Media at the new Piper High School, said Dr. Jessica Dain, Superintendent of Piper USD 203. “Your partnership ensures that our students have the resources and inspiration they need to thrive in their artistic and media endeavors. We are excited to see the profound impact this will have on our community and the bright futures it will help shape.”

For more information on the academies of Piper High School or partnership information related to the Secure the Ship campaign, please contact Katelyn Kaminski, Director of Communications at katelyn.kaminski@piperschools.us.

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