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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Jefferson High School named a National Banner School for Special Olympics

Jefferson High School has received its official Indiana Special Olympics banner, making them a Unified Champion School. They are one of 50 schools in the state to achieve this status.

Participating schools are challenged to engage their entire school community in inclusive activities and to achieve certain goals related to each of the four pillars of the Unified Champion School program. Schools that meet or exceed each of these milestones in a given school year are awarded a recognition banner, while those that go above and beyond may be eligible for national recognition by Special Olympics North America.

JHS is proud to be implement the program's four pillars: inclusive youth leadership opportunities, Unified Sports, whole school engagement, and collaborative fundraising. The program is designed to be woven into the fabric of the school, enhancing current efforts and providing rich opportunities that lead to meaningful change in creating a socially inclusive school that supports and engages all students, teachers, and administrators.

JHS offers multiple Unified Sports, including track and field, bowling and bocce ball.

The official banner presentation will be at the JHS home football game on Friday, Oct. 11. Interviews with students and faculty advisors may be set up that evening.

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