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Local Schools to Participate in College Decision Day

Hillsdale, MI, April 26, 2016 –

Several Hillsdale County schools will participate in College Decision Day events with more than 200 high schools across Michigan. Seven local schools will host activities on May 3rd, and one will participate on May 20th. Decision Day recognizes high school seniors who have made plans to continue their education beyond high school. College Decision Day mimics the NCAA's National Signing Day and celebrates all seniors for enrolling in postsecondary education.

The goal of Hillsdale County's Decision Day is to support and encourage students planning to attend and complete postsecondary education or to pursue military service, and to celebrate those students and their commitment. Some activities planned for local school district celebrations include assemblies and seniors marching through their school in caps and gowns. Schools are also hosting pizza parties for seniors, with assistance from Cottage Inn Pizza in Hillsdale. The Hillsdale County Career Access Planning (HCCAP), a program of the Hillsdale County Community Foundation, has also provided "I Decided" t-shirts for each high school senior.

For more information about Hillsdale County's College Decision Day activities, please contact your school's guidance counselor or Michelle Henthorne, Youth Coordinator, at the offices of the Hillsdale County Community Foundation, 2 S. Howell Street in Hillsdale, or by phone at 517-439-5101.

The purpose of HCCAP! is to ensure that all students, adults and work-age residents are aware of, have access to and make use of county-wide support services for post-secondary educational

opportunities. The HCCAP! is a collaborative team of local business owners, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and the Hillsdale County Community Foundation working toward the goal of 60% of Hillsdale County residents successfully attaining a post-secondary degree or valuable credential by the year 2025.

