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Higgins Students Raise Money for STARBASE

CHESTERFIELD, Mich. – On Friday, May 30, the 5th grade students at Francis A. Higgins Elementary School will hold an “Open House” to sell their solar-powered homes in an effort to raise money for the Selfridge STARBASE Program. Doors for the auction will open at 2:00 pm following the 5th grade recognition ceremony,

Brooke Niskar, a 5th grade teacher at Higgins, is having students create their own solar-powered home out of cardboard as a final STEM project for the class’s math unit. She originally proposed the idea of holding the “Open House” for parents to view the students’ work, but her class wanted to take it a step further and “auction” the houses off to raise money for a cause close to their hearts. The homes will be set up with “For Sale by Owner” signs, balloons, and refreshments to encourage parents and guests to bid on the homes, with all the raised funds going towards the STARBASE Program.

It was recently announced the STARBASE Program would have their funding cut, impacting the various offerings that hundreds of students in L’Anse Creuse and surrounding school districts have been attending for years. Niskar said her 5th grade students loved attending STARBASE earlier this year, and keeping STARBASE open for future 5th grade students has been at the forefront of their minds since they learned of the potential shutdown.

Many of Niskar’s own students have written letters to Michigan’s senators asking for funding to be restored, and this project is another way for her class to get involved and ensure that other students, both at Higgins and at other schools, have the same opportunity to attend in the future.

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