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MSD of Lawrence Township recognized with United Way of Central Indiana's highest honor, the Spirit United Award

INDIANAPOLIS – United Way of Central Indiana hosted its Annual Celebration at the Tibbs Drive-in Movie Theatre this year, where supporters and contributors were recognized with individual and company awards in 'movie preview' fashion for a unique, socially distant event. The MSD of Lawrence Township, received the nonprofit's most prestigious honor -- the Spirit United Award -- for exceptional volunteer and financial support in the community. The MSD of Lawrence Township is the first school district to receive this award.

"It is truly an honor to be the first public K-12 school district in our community to be presented with this prestigious award," shares superintendent, Dr. Shawn Smith. "The United Way of Central Indiana has supported our programming for years, and I'm proud to lead a district where staff volunteer their time, talents, and treasures daily to support the over 16,000 students that we serve."

MSD of Lawrence Township is an advocate in action with regard to the UWCI strategic priorities around advocacy. They are leaders in early childhood education with four NAEYC accredited Early Learning Centers. They fully support access to high quality early childhood education across the state through the On My Way Pre-K initiative. McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology, the number one Career & Technical Education Center in the state of Indiana, supports education and employment pathways for high school students beyond tradition high school course offerings. They were recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as having graduated more College & Career graduates in 2019 than any other public school district in Marion County and have committed additional resources through our strategic plan that support the social and emotional health of our students through the addition of home school advisors in all buildings.

Spirit United is the most esteemed corporate award, celebrating companies that have consistently supported and generously donated to United Way. The MSD of Lawrence Township is honored to receive the award alongside three other distinguished Central Indiana businesses.

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The nine largest and one of the fastest growing school district in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves over 16,000 students across four Early Learning Centers, eleven Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, two High Schools, a Center for Innovation and Technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district's award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.