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Mark Mitchell, Superintendent

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Dear West Branch Area School District Families,

I feel it is important for our school community to offer experiences and opportunities to promote children's education as well as health and wellness. That is why the West Branch Area School District has partnered with Champions to provide before and after-school programming for our students this school year. Champions' accredited programs have more than 30 years of experience providing high-quality out-of-school-time services that balance education and fun in a safe, enriching environment. The program will be located right at West Branch Elementary School.

Children's learning should continue when the school bell rings — and the Champions program ensures it will. Guided by passionate teachers, our students will have the chance to explore their curiosity and interests—in art, literacy, STEM and more-- and build confidence and community through hands-on projects and activities. Time will be set aside for homework support; and healthy snacks and fitness opportunities will be offered each day.

For a closer look into the Champions experience, check out their virtual tour: <https://www.discoverchampions.com/why-champions/virtual-tour>

Registration for the Champions before and after school program will be open shortly. We will be sharing an enrollment flyer with you soon. The anticipated start date for the program is October 23, 2023, however, if Champions can open earlier, we will promptly communicate the adjusted date.

I am truly pleased that we are teaming up with Champions and hope you will consider them as you make plans for your out-of-school-time needs next year.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Mitchell
Superintendent