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# Affiliation Between Hillsdale College Ivy Academy's Skillern Elementary Ends

*Hillsdale's curricular support, which includes a comprehensive curriculum scope and sequence for classical schools, has concluded*

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Effective July 6, the affiliation between Hillsdale College, its K-12 Education Office, and Ivy Academy's Skillern Elementary in Hamilton County has come to an end.

As a Hillsdale Curriculum School, Skillern Elementary was awarded a license to use "The K-12 Program Guide" developed by Hillsdale College. The Program Guide — developed over the course of several decades with the help of teachers, administrators, and professors from across Hillsdale College and its affiliated schools — is a comprehensive curriculum scope and sequence for K-12 classical schools. The Program Guide, like all of Hillsdale College's support to its affiliated schools, is provided free of cost.

Additionally, Skillern Elementary received a special invitation to attend Hillsdale College's annual summer teacher training, a privilege usually granted only to Hillsdale Member Schools. Teachers and administrators from the school were invited to attend the three-day-long training that featured a variety of presentations on classical curriculum and pedagogy, as well as sessions on pedagogy, building art and music programs, the teaching of Latin, and dozens of other topics essential to building and maintaining an excellent classical school.

Ivy Academy's Skillern Elementary became a Hillsdale Curriculum School in 2021.

Hillsdale College and the entire K-12 Education Office wish the best to all the students, families, teachers, and staff members at Skillern Elementary. It is regrettable that inaccurate media attention has forced a school to abandon its curriculum.

Families and others with questions are welcome to contact the Hillsdale K-12 Education Office at (517) 607-4320 or k12@hillsdale.edu.

All media inquiries should go to (517) 803-3745 or pr@hillsdale.edu.

**About K-12 Education: An American Classical Education**
Hillsdale College's K-12 Education Office supports school administrators, teachers, and parents with the educational and organizational resources they need to educate the nation's youth in the American and classical tradition. The Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), part of the College's K-12 efforts, promotes the founding of classical charter schools and excellence in their teaching and operations so that public-school students may be educated in the liberal arts and sciences and receive instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue. The initiative currently has 20 member schools in 9 states. The Barney Charter School Initiative is made possible through leadership support from the Barney Family Foundation and gifts from many other friends of Hillsdale College. For more information, visit the K-12 Education website.