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**ARBOR PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES INAUGURAL FRESHMEN CLASS**  
**New state-of-the-art school will open to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students September 6**

YPSILANTI, Mich. (August 31, 2011) – Arbor Preparatory High School, a new college preparatory charter high school, will open its doors to more than 175 students Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011. Located at 6800 Hitchingham Rd., the 55,800-square-foot facility was recently completed in preparation for the 2011-2012 school year.

“We are thrilled to begin the new school year in such a beautiful new facility. Several months ago school leaders assembled on this site to celebrate the groundbreaking. Today, as the new principal, I’m delighted to celebrate the grand opening of Ann Arbor’s newest public charter high school with such a bright group students and talented faculty and staff,” said Arbor Prep Principal Matt Hudson. “Arbor Prep is designed to promote academic excellence that leads to a successful college career. We’re excited about embarking on this journey with our students.”

Arbor Prep is part of the PrepNet network of public charter college preparatory high schools in Michigan. The new school features over 30 classrooms, two laboratories, an art studio, music room and central student commons space. It also includes an 800-seat gymnasium and is designed to achieve a high standard of energy efficiency through the use of increased thermal insulation, fluorescent lighting, water-conserving fixtures, and a high efficiency HVAC system. Each classroom is equipped with the latest academic technology, including interactive digital white boards and a school-wide wireless network.

More than 200 school leaders, parents and students, elected officials and community members commemorated the grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this week. The event featured remarks by J.C. Huizenga, PrepNet founder and chairman; newly appointed Arbor Prep Principal Matt Hudson; Miriam Snyder, president of the school board; and student Mariah Hall.

Arbor Prep is near capacity, but still accepting students for 9th and 10th grades. For more information about Arbor Prep, please visit [www.arborprep.com](http://www.arborprep.com) or call 734-961-9700.

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