MEDIA ADVISORY

Dedication and Open House at Jeffco Public Schools
Center for Community Safety at Martensen

When: Wednesday, April 19, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Center for Community Safety at Martensen
6625 45th Place
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

What: Open house and dedication of the new safety and security training center at the Martensen Elementary facility.

Background:

Martensen Elementary, which first opened in 1954, closed to students in 2011. The site now serves as a training facility where law enforcement agencies and other first responders have the opportunity to prepare for active shooter situations, learn crisis prevention techniques in a real school environment, and use a simulator donated by Ti Training that offers interactive training for a variety of school threat scenarios.

The facility serves Jeffco Public Schools safety and security staff, local police and fire departments, other school district security departments, and has also hosted training for the ATF and FBI. Seventeen agencies have already booked 157 days of training at the facility for the 2016-17 school year.

This week marks 18 years since the Columbine tragedy, and the dedication is a reminder of the importance of continuous work towards school safety and security.

About Jeffco Public Schools
Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 86,000 students at 155 schools on 168 campuses. Find Jeffco Public Schools on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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