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FATHERS WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 19

Canton, Ohio - Stark County Job & Family Services and the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition are pleased to announce that their annual Fathers Walk Your Child to School Day will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024. This event invites fathers and other significant role models to walk or drive their child to school, to show support for their education and demonstrate the important role they play in their child's life.

"The Fathers Walk is a simple, yet powerful way to show your child that you are invested in their academic success," said Jerry Coleman, Executive Director. "The morning is about helping them prepare for their day, engaging with them, and strengthening the bond you share."

Representatives will be on-hand to greet fathers and students at participating schools in the Canton, Massillon, Plain, and Alliance school districts. Participants will be presented with a free giveaway. The event is sponsored by Buckeye Health Plan and Humana Healthy Horizons in Ohio.

"Our goal is to encourage fathers to become more involved," said Ann Durkin, Deputy Director of the Division of Child Support. "This is an opportunity for them to not only build connections with their child, but also meet their child's teachers, friends, and other parents in the community. We are impressed each year with the number of families who participate in this event!"

Fathers are invited to share their photos on social media using the tag #StarkFathersWalk. The Fatherhood Coalition will share photos and updates throughout the morning from their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/StarkCountyFatherhoodCoalition.

The mission of the Stark County Fatherhood Coalition is to empower fathers to take a positive role in their child's life, sponsor activities that strengthen families, and educate the community. For more information, please call 330-451-8477 or visit StarkJFS.org.

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