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Georgetown, Texas -- Orenda Education will hold a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Gateway College Prep School's new Multi-Purpose/Auxiliary Gym Building at 4:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 on the school campus, 3360 Westinghouse Road (CR 111) in Georgetown. The building, which will be the home of Gateway's volleyball and basketball teams, also will host student musical productions, assemblies and other non-athletic programs.

The construction project was funded through a Qualified School Construction Bond and charitable donations from student families, foundations, businesses and other school advocates. Brath, Inc. was the General Constructor and Pfluger Architects, Inc. was the architect.

"This investment underscores Orenda Education's dedication to our student families who attend Gateway from throughout Williamson County. This project is just the next step in our desire to make available attractive and efficient school facilities for our growing student population, and to continue to secure reliable sources of funding for this growth," said Richard N. Rickey, Orenda Founder and Chief Executive Officer.

Gateway College Prep is a tuition-free, open enrollment charter school that opened in 2009. The K-12 school currently serves 830 students and enjoys full member status in the University Interscholastic League. Unlike traditional school districts, Gateway receives about $2,009 fewer dollars per student per year in state funding than traditional school districts. Because charter schools cannot collect property taxes for facility structures, that gap must be made up through private fundraising efforts.

The dedication is open to the public and free parking is available.

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