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Golden Avenue Public School to Raise Flag in Honour of Autism Acceptance Month

TIMMINS, ON — Golden Avenue Public School will host a formal flag-raising ceremony in recognition of Autism Acceptance Month **on Thursday, April 2, at 1:45 p.m.** This event marks a transition from awareness to acceptance, fostering a school culture where neurodivergent students are not only recognized but fully included and celebrated.

The ceremony aligns directly with District School Board Ontario North East (DSB1)'s Strategic Plan, specifically our strategic priorities of *Achieve, Belong and Create*. By raising the Autism Ontario flag, Golden Avenue Public School reaffirms its dedication to building inclusive communities where all feel supported and valued.

"This flag-raising is a visible symbol of our 'Belong' priority in action," said Shane Rentelis, Principal of Golden Avenue Public School. "Our goal is to ensure that every student at Golden Avenue feels seen and respected. Autism Acceptance Month is an opportunity for us to celebrate the neurodiversity that strengthens our classrooms and our community."

Throughout April, students will participate in various activities that promote empathy and understanding. These initiatives are designed to ensure that inclusion is not just an event, but a daily practice that supports the well-being of all students.

Media representatives are invited to attend the ceremony.

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