



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Hooper Foundation Donates \$100,000 to ACE Academy at Portage High School** *Expanding Technical Education Opportunities for the Next Generation*

**DeForest, WI (September 2, 2025)** – Hooper Foundation announced a \$100,000 gift to Portage Community School District in support of the new ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Academy at Portage High School. This gift marks a significant milestone in the Academy's \$3.1 million capital campaign, which aims to expand technical education opportunities for students and strengthen workforce connections across the region.

The ACE Academy will serve as a state-of-the-art hub for hands-on learning in construction, engineering, and skilled trades. Students will gain access to cutting-edge equipment, real-world training, and industry-aligned certifications, ensuring they graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand career fields.

"Hooper's investment in the ACE Academy reflects their strong commitment to education, innovation, and workforce development," said Jennifer Jones Garrigan, Ed.D., Principal of Portage High School. "This donation is not only a significant step forward for our campaign but also a powerful message to our students—that our community believes in their future."

In recognition of this partnership, Hooper will receive naming rights to a classroom within the new facility, ensuring their legacy of support will be embedded in the daily learning experiences of PHS students for years to come.

"Supporting the ACE Academy aligns with Hooper's mission to cultivate the next generation of builders and problem-solvers," said Brian Schultz of Hooper Corporation. "We are proud to partner with Portage High School on this important project and look forward to seeing the impact it will have on both students and our community."

The groundbreaking for the ACE will take place later this year, with construction set to begin in 2026. Once completed, the Academy will position Portage High School as a regional leader in career and technical education, preparing students for success while supporting local industries in need of a skilled workforce. For more information about the ACE Academy or to learn how to contribute, please visit the Portage High School [Webpage](#).

Hooper Foundation serves as the charitable arm of Hooper Corporation and provides funding to 501c3 organizations across country. Giving priorities align with the Hooper brand and reinforce the services and core values the company stands for, including programs related to construction, workforce development, safety and emergency response.

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## About Hooper

Since 1913, Hooper has grown to become a well-respected electric power and mechanical contractor. With headquarters in Wisconsin and regional offices in the states of Colorado, Florida and Ohio, Hooper provides a wide range of services to support commercial and residential clients.

Hooper's areas of expertise include fabrication and installation of complex plumbing, process piping, fire protection, and HVAC systems as well as the construction of substations and high-voltage transmission and distribution lines. Hooper also actively provides power line clearance and deploys emergency storm response teams around the country to help restore power to communities ravaged by natural disasters. For homeowners in the Wisconsin region, Hooper's Service Division provides 24-hour maintenance and repair on HVAC and plumbing systems. Businesses also benefit from these services in addition to fire protection options provided by Hooper's certified technicians.

The firm's Safety Empowered philosophy provides the knowledge, equipment, and investment needed to prevent harm and save lives both on and off the job site. Through its charitable foundation, Hooper is honored to provide essential funding to community nonprofits that support our neighbors in need. Built on a reputation of excellence and trust, Hooper plays an integral role in delivering the resources needed for people to live and work in comfortable, healthy environments. For more information, please visit [hoopercorp.com](http://hoopercorp.com).

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