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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **LEOMINSTER CREDIT UNION DONATES 20 COMPUTERS TO PERKINS**

*Donation by Local Credit Union Helps School in the Midst of Ongoing Pandemic*

**Lancaster, MA** – Local credit union, Leominster Credit Union, has donated 20 computers to The Dr. Franklin Perkins School (Perkins) in Lancaster, MA in the midst of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Leominster Credit Union (LCU) has been a supporter and friend of Perkins since the 1990s. The computer donation came about as LCU realized that they no longer had a need for the desktop units due to their staff transitioning to laptops earlier on in the pandemic. Perkins (like many schools) has been relying heavily on technology through the pandemic and the donation happened at a vital time – just as many older model computers used in their classrooms were going out of service without an immediate plan for replacement.

“Leominster Credit Union’s offer to donate computers to Perkins couldn’t come at a more opportune time; COVID-19 has created tremendous economic uncertainty while challenging our technology needs,” says Steve Young, Perkins Vice President of Facilities and Technology.

Perkins residential students have remained full-time and in-person since the start of the pandemic, while day students transitioned from a virtual learning platform to a hybrid educational program on campus over the summer months. As of early September, full-time, in-person learning has resumed for all students except those who have opted to remain virtual.

Dr. Franklin Perkins School staff was ecstatic with the donation as many members echoed how excited they are about the valuable additions to their classrooms. “The children are loving having the additional technology to use during their classes. We’re really grateful LCU thought of us,” says Cindy Wing, Chief Academic Officer of Dr. Franklin Perkins School.

“We are so happy to be able to partner with and assist local organizations as we continue to strive towards enriching our surrounding communities. We are proud to donate equipment to Perkins that will support their efforts in working with so many members of our community,” stated Barbara Mahoney, SVP/COO of Leominster Credit Union.

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#### **About Perkins**

Doctor Franklin Perkins School, or Perkins, is a comprehensive human service agency based in Lancaster, Mass. Their mission is to promote meaningful and sustained well-being for children, youth and adults facing educational, developmental, or mental health challenges. They operate five core programs, one of which is a K-12 school and Adult Transition Program providing special education to students with complex learning challenges. Perkins serves students in grades Kindergarten through age 22 from throughout Massachusetts and New England on the main campus in Lancaster. Visit [perkinsprograms.org](http://perkinsprograms.org) for more information.

#### **About LCU**

Founded in 1954, Leominster Credit Union (LCU) is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative with a full range of deposit, lending and other financial services. Headquartered in Leominster, Massachusetts, LCU is proud to claim nearly 50,000 members and more than \$700 million in assets. LCU has seven branch locations in Leominster, Clinton, Holden, North Leominster, Sterling and Worcester with ATM services at all branch locations. LCU also provides 24 hour banking via Mobile and Online services. Visit [leominstercu.com](http://leominstercu.com) or call 800-649-4646.