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**LAUDERDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ENTEGRITY TO HOLD  
PROJECT GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT NORTHEAST MIDDLE  
SCHOOL; FIRST IN THE STATE TO USE SOLAR**

**[Meridian, Mississippi]** – The Lauderdale County School District hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a historic solar panel project on Tuesday, October 1. The ceremony celebrated the start of the LCSD's Energy Savings Performance Contract. The comprehensive project is guaranteed to produce annual cost savings of \$571,080 for the School District. In addition to lower utility bills and improved air quality, the project will place a special emphasis on improved security on each campus.

"As part of this plan," said Dr. John-Mark Cain, LCSD Superintendent, "we will update a lot of our facilities with lights, dropped ceilings, water conservation efforts, a major solar project at Northeast Middle School and security upgrades throughout the district. We will be able to do this work without a bond issue, and without a tax increase."

Entegritty is the company that will do the work. It's an energy services agency and solar developer that specializes in the implementation of energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

"This is one of the biggest energy projects that any school district has ever done in Mississippi," said Ryan Burrage, who is an Entegritty Business Development Executive. "It's very exciting because it's going to touch all the campuses."

Work on the Solar Panel Project at Northeast Middle School is set to start within the next two months and take almost ten months to complete. That project will include more than 400 solar panels that will be positioned on the northern side of the campus.

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