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Everbrook Academy, a childcare center powered by Danfoss, seen on July 7, is accepting enrollment for the fall 2026 semester. CELIA BROCKER/AMES TRIBUNE

EXCLUSIVE:

Cost to fly Iowa State Patrol's new plane sky high

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The Iowa State Patrol's newest plane is versatile, spacious, powerful — and pricey.

Flying the Cessna 208B Grand Caravan the agency acquired at the end of 2024 costs about \$1,900 an hour, according to Controller, an aircraft intelligence firm. The operating cost is about \$500 an hour more than the total cost to fly the State Patrol's five other planes combined.

Purchased with COVID-19 relief funds, the Grand Caravan is the state's first with a powerful turboprop engine. Compared to the State Patrol's other planes, which are smaller and use piston engines, the Grand Caravan is faster, stronger, flies higher and is less likely to break down.

But those advantages come with tradeoffs. More fuel burned every hour. Higher insurance premiums. Specialized maintenance.

"That's an expensive operation there," said Juan Browne, an industry analyst. "Nice. But expensive."

The Grand Caravan became a political issue last winter after the Des Moines Register revealed Gov. Kim Reynolds and First Gentleman Kevin Reynolds had used the plane to travel to public and political events. The governor's predecessor, Terry Branstad, previously said the state had sold off planes dedicated to executive travel, calling them a "poor use of public funds."

Iowa Democrats criticized Reynolds, a Republican, for using the Grand Caravan. Reynolds said the plane allowed her to spend more time working and less time traveling, and that her flights made up just a fraction

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SUPPORTING PARENT WORK-LIFE BALANCE

New Danfoss daycare center in Ames has room for 164 children

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A new childcare facility is open for fall enrollment with space for more than 160 students.

Danfoss Power Solutions recently completed work on Everbrook Academy, a \$6 million childcare and early learning education center. The 16,000-square-foot school will be located on the Danfoss campus at 2310 E. 13th Street, with a capacity for 164 children.

The Danfoss Ames location designs and manufactures machinery, such as "hydraulics and electrification, fluid conveyance, electronic controls, and software," according to the Danfoss

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This new school will offer early childhood education, before- and after-school care, and summer programming for children from six weeks to 12 years.

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Iowa judges take ICE to task over violations of court orders

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Iowa Capital Dispatch

Two federal judges in Iowa have sharply criticized government officials for repeatedly violating the law in immigration cases, with one Iowa ICE enforcement officer held in contempt for "astonishing conduct" and willfully vio-

lating a court order.

The two cases, each handled by a different federal judge, involve Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials who have moved detainees out of Iowa jails and the court's jurisdiction while the individuals have pending immigration cases before the court.

The judge in one of the two cases took

aim at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa, saying "the court expects better" of assistant U.S. attorneys who, she said, should be working in the interests of justice. The judge also criticized ICE and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for what she called their "unprecedented disregard for court orders and con-

tinued failure to follow the law."

In the second case, the chief judge of the Southern District of Iowa referenced ICE's "record of defying court orders," and warned the federal government that "noncitizens are not bargaining chips to be shifted from district to district as

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