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Good Afternoon and thank you for coming to the dedication of the time capsule.

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On behalf of the Student Council, I would like to thank everyone for your contributions. Without a doubt, the people who open this capsule will be delighted with what they find!

As you have seen, the new building is almost completed. The special location for the time capsule, however, is not quite done and that's why we are here in the gym today. The capsule will be located under a bench outside Mrs. Stirling's new office. Many of you will sit on the time capsule in the years to come.

Before we share the many interesting contributions to this time capsule, I would like to tell you how the idea got started and then evolved throughout the year. The idea for a time capsule was C.J. McCarthy's. He mentioned the idea to his 6th grade Student Council reps early this fall and because we thought it was such an interesting idea, we invited him to join us at a meeting and explain his idea more fully. We all loved it and decided he and Katie Powell, the 6th grade Student Council Representative, should write up a proposal for Dr. Bonney and the Building Committee. This letter was given to Dr.

Bonney in November. He liked the idea and spoke with the members of the Building Committee. It was agreed that it was a terrific addition to the new building. Next, several members of the Council met early one morning in December to look over the building plans in order to pick an appropriate spot for the capsule. It was decided that under the bench outside Mrs. Stirling's office would be perfect. It will be about 12 cubic feet with a removable panel. At this point it was time to involve the faculty and students. In early March, a letter drafted by Bit Humphrey, the 5th grade representative, was sent to everyone in the Tower community asking them to think of ideas for the time capsule. They were also asked how long to keep the capsule closed. The choices were 10, 15, 20, or 25 years. As you will hear, 10 and 25 years were the most popular. See if you can figure out which one won.

Now I would like to describe the variety of items we received. As I do so, the members of the Council will hold up the items for you to see.

Mrs. Gallagher's Pre-K is contributing their names on a scroll, along with their birthdays. They want the capsule closed for 10 years.

Mrs. Clements' kinder is including a big book

about themselves and they definitely want the capsule closed for 25 years!

Mrs. Mark's kinder is also including a big book they made this year. They also suggested that some of Mrs. Stirling's fairy water be included along with her famous medicine bag. They voted to have the capsule closed for 10 years.

Mrs. Kelly's first grade has been involved in gardening for many years and we all miss their beautiful flowers near the breezeway. But this year they were able to plant some windowboxes. This class is contributing a picture of the first grade garden and think the capsule should be closed for 10 years.

Mrs. Strainge's first grade is contributing a class book of special happenings and jokes! They think the capsule should be closed for 25 years!

Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Perrella's classes are contributing special pieces of writing and they both want the capsule closed for 25 years.

Mrs. Curran's third grade has an interesting entry - cards! They are contributing the different cards used throughout the year - playing cards, morning meeting greeting cards, names cards,

and flash cards. They would like to see the capsule opened in 25 years.

Mrs. Elwell's class is contributing a book of personal "home" pages with photos and writing entitled "All together with a personal agenda". They would like to see the capsule opened in ____years.

The fourth grade is contributing a book of photographs taking after the sharing of an independent reading project, better known as an IRP. The pictures show each class member with a mask or hat representing the main character in his or her book. They would like the capsule opened in 25 years.

The fifth grade is proud to contribute the videotape of their dance performance with Nikki Hu. Many of you will undoubtedly remember this very special performance. They would like the capsule closed for 25 years.

The sixth grade is going to contribute a piece of the trailer wall (a very small piece!) with a class picture signed by everyone. They would like to have the capsule opened in ____years.

The seventh grade is contributing a videotape of

their class and would like to see the capsule opened in 25 years.

The eighth grade is including a group of special photos and would also like to have the capsule opened in 25 years.

And finally, the ninth grade. We will be including a poster from the 2nd grade, a Seventeen magazine, and a picture of us. We would like to have the capsule opened in 10 years.

As determined by your votes, the capsule will be closed for __ years.

Near this time capsule will be a plaque that will be made over the summer. It will read: A TIME CAPSULE CREATED BY THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF TOWER SCHOOL DURING 1995-96 HAS BEEN PLACED INSIDE THIS BENCH. IT CONTAINS ITEMS REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL AND EACH CLASS, PRE-K THROUGH 9. IT SHOULD BE OPENED IN MAY, 2021.

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in this activity. We received many, many ideas for additional items for the time capsule. Some of these include Tower logo

clothing, a pink sheet, a yearbook, a hard hat, and a Tower car decal. We will be gathering as many of these items as we can and will add them to the items you have seen today.

I would now like to ask the members of the Council to stand near the bench we are pretending is the real thing. As each class's item is placed and called, I would like to invite the entire class to stand and remain standing until all have been placed.

Mrs. Gallagher's Pre-K
Mrs. Clements' kinder
Mrs. Mark's kinder
Mrs. Strainge's first grade
Mrs. Kelly's first grade
Mrs. Perrella's second grade
Mrs. McCarthy's second grade
Mrs. Curran's third grade
Mrs. Elwell's third grade
The Fourth grade
The fifth grade
the sixth grade
the seventh grade
the eighth grade
the ninth grade

(with everyone standing say:)

On behalf of the Student Council, thank you for contributing to our new building's time capsule. We are delighted to have our wonderful school get a little bit bigger! I think everyone involved in this process deserves a round of applause.
(clapping...)

Thank you all very much for coming to this dedication of the time capsule.