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Norwalk Public Schools Cuts the Ribbon on New Cranbury Elementary School

Norwalk, Conn. (Oct. 12, 2023) -- Norwalk Public Schools celebrated the official ribbon cutting for Cranbury Elementary School on Thursday morning with Cranbury students and staff and distinguished guests.

Cranbury Elementary School is the first new, free-standing school building to be built in over 50 years. The modern architecture is influenced by the school's serene surroundings, nestled just south of the historic Cranbury Park. The building's features celebrate the school's themes of nature and the environment.

Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Estrella, Mayor Harry Rilling and Principal Jenna Masone cut the ribbon alongside state representatives, Norwalk Common Council and Board of Education members, construction and architect teams, and Cranbury students.

"I had the opportunity at the start of the school year to visit our scholars, staff and principal as well as her assistant principal, and there was so much joy in the building. Environment matters, and having a new space to celebrate learning, growing and the development of our scholars is so essential," Dr. Estrella said during the ceremony.

"Since taking office, one of my priorities, probably the priority, is having new schools for our children because the infrastructure has been so old and so antiquated," Mayor Rilling said. "When we invest in our children, we invest in our future. These young people are the world leaders of tomorrow."

Cranbury fifth-grader Parker Allen shared his experience of attending the old Cranbury school building and his transition into the new state-of-the-art building. Allen said he was overjoyed that he and his friends would be making Cranbury history as the first graduating class of the new school.

"The new building is great, and I will still feel nostalgic looking at pictures from the old one," Allen said. "There are so many new improvements that I couldn't even count them on my fingers."

To close out the ceremony, the newly formed Cranbury Chorale performed "Spring in My Step."

Norwalk Public Schools thanks everyone from state and local government to the city's building management and district's facilities department to the construction and architecture teams who helped build this gorgeous facility for our Cranbury students, families, teachers and staff.

We also want to thank the neighbors of Cranbury Elementary and the Norwalk community for your patience and support throughout this process. We hope everyone can enjoy this incredible space in the near future.