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### **Beam Signing Event Marks Milestone for new Camden High School**

(Camden, NJ) – Camden City School District celebrated a milestone for the new Camden High School with a beam signing ceremony on October 30. Superintendent Katrina McCombs, district students and staff, school board, city and state officials, and community stakeholders gathered to become a part of history and add their names to a beam that will be placed in the new building.

“This is an exciting time as this milestone marks progress for our district. We are closer to providing future generations of Camden High Students even greater opportunities and exposures to academic and athletic excellence,” said Superintendent McCombs. “This new facility underscores our commitment to our students’ success, the district, and the community.”

The new Camden High School campus is expected to open its doors to over 1,200 students in Fall 2021. The traditional District public high school will be home to four small learning communities - Brimm Medical Arts, Creative Arts High School, Big Picture Learning Academy, and Camden High School. The former Camden High School was demolished last year after over 100 years in service. The new school will rest on the same 242,000 square foot plot of land.

“Today’s beam signing is a milestone in the construction of Camden’s newest state of the art academic facility,” said Camden Mayor Frank Moran. “This is a historic moment for the Camden City School District, Camden High alumni, future CHS students, and for families throughout our City. The new Camden High School is an investment of more than \$130 million dollars but more importantly, it signifies an investment in the future of our Camden youth. I commend the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, our Superintendent Katrina McCombs and the many partners involved in making sure our children are educated in quality schools. Our City looks forward to beginning the next great chapter in the long legacy of The Camden High School.”

The new high school reflects a district priority, Safe Schools, Built for 21st Century Success. This state of the art facility will include a world class auditorium, modern gymnasiums, weight and locker rooms, cafeterias, media centers, and staff resources that rival the best public high schools in the State.

"Every child needs and deserves a safe place to learn with all of the necessary resources, tools and technology available to them," said Congressman Donald Norcross. "As we celebrate today's beam raising after nearly 20 years of work into making this school become a reality, I am proud to have fought tooth and nail for this vital investment in our community, our children and our future. It's exciting for everyone in Camden that we're moving forward so that all students are afforded the best of the best."

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