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Camden City School District Announces \$49M “Investment in Equity” at Eastside High School

Camden, NJ – On Friday, November 4, 2022, Superintendent McCombs will be joined by Congressman Norcross, NJ State Senator Cruz-Perez, Mayor Carstarphen, Council President Fuentes, and other dignitaries as she announces the district’s \$49 million “Investment in Equity” at Eastside High School. The announcement will provide a scope of the work to be conducted along with a timeline from bid to fruition followed by the unveiling of Eastside High School Tiger statue.

“We’re doing more than investing in Eastside High School, we’re providing equity throughout our district and ensuring that our students are presented with the same educational opportunity throughout our city,” said Camden City School District Superintendent, Katrina T. McCombs. “This investment will help us provide each employee and student with the modernized school building they deserve.”

“All we want as parents is for our kids to have a fair shot at life, to have opportunities to succeed, said Congressman Donald Norcross. “I’m proud to have secured funding that gives our kids a safe, modern environment in which to learn, and I’ll keep working in Congress to open doors for our teachers and students so they can excel.”

The renovations are being supported through Elementary & Secondary School Relief (ESSER) funds allotted as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Eastside High School is one of two public high schools run by the district. The building was opened in 1930 as a 29,300 square-foot school that serves students in grades 9 through 12.

“Eastside High has been a landmark in East Camden since 1930 and has played a critical role in our community for almost a century,” NJ State Senator Cruz-Perez said. “This asset is getting a once in a generation renovation that will create equity for students in the city and renew a sense of pride for this institution on Federal Street. I want to commend our superintendent and our congressman for their undying commitment to the residents of the city and their tireless effort to deliver the funding that will get this job done.”



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“This transformational project reinforces the commitment to Eastside High School and the East Camden Community,” said Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen. “The \$49 million investment made possible by Congressman Norcross, will result in not only significant facility upgrades but an improved learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. I am delighted that Eastside students will have access to a high quality school just like their peers. I pledge my support to our children, youth and families and will continue to work alongside Superintendent Katrina T. McCombs to provide students with the tools they need to succeed academically and beyond.”

“This is a great announcement for Camden and incredibly exciting for Eastside High School students,” said Camden City Council President Angel Fuentes. “As an Eastside High School graduate, it is wonderful to know my alma mater will be modernized for future generations. It makes me proud to see our leadership, alumni and community come together for this important project. I commend Congressman Norcross, Mayor Carstarphen and Superintendent McCombs for their efforts to make this \$49 million investment possible.”

“Eastside High is where I made my home as a student, teacher and coach over the last 35 years,” Dyer said. “This school is part of the fabric of my being, a place I love and an important part of my personal history. Based on that, I commend the Superintendent for her commitment to Eastside and I want to thank Congressman Norcross for fighting for these federal funds to make this school a better place. Furthermore, this project will create more equity with other high schools in the city and create a better learning environment for our students attending Eastside.”

The \$49 million dollar investment plan will renovate the following spaces within Eastside High School:

- Science Labs
- Art Rooms
- Automotive Room
- Cosmetology Room
- Library
- Gymnasium
- Locker Rooms
- Front and Cafeteria Entrance
- Auditorium
- HVAC
- Lighting

Following the announcement, the media is invited to tour three of the classrooms that will be renovated.

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