



# PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BEAM SIGNING CEREMONY MARKS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF 'LA PROMESA' NEW PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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**Perth Amboy, New Jersey** – On Friday, April 8, 2022, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials, participated in a beam signing ceremony. The 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with a total estimated cost of almost 300 million dollars is anticipated to receive over 2,800 students in grades 9-12 in September of 2024. The event marked another milestone of the largest project undertaken by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA).

*“This ceremony marks another milestone in the largest project undertaken by NJSDA,”* said Dr. David A Roman, Superintendent of Schools. *“The future of this school district is promising. Our collective signatures placed upon this beam today is a pledge and commitment that we have earnestly been entrusted with to leave a future foundation for generations to come. The new Perth Amboy High School, where the roots will be strong, the foundation will have love, and inspiration will follow.”*

The new high school shall house a plethora of innovative and robust educational programs in one facility, all currently operating in the present high school and throughout the district. The Communications Academy, Health Sciences Academy, Bilingual Program, Comprehensive High School, Panther Life Program, and Freshman Academy will arrive at the new high school.

*“My signature along with many other former graduates of Perth Amboy High School will have their name on a beam that will be displayed in the newest Perth Amboy High School. It’s like a dream; we are all a connection to the past.”* said Kenneth J. Puccio, President of the Perth Amboy Board of Education.

*“This is an exciting time for Perth Amboy as the framework of the new High School takes shape and the community can begin to envision the lasting impact this facility will have for thousands of students in the years to come,”* said SDA CEO Manuel Da Silva. *“This event affords us an opportunity to stand alongside our District, State, and local partners to highlight this important milestone and the SDA’s continued commitment to deliver a state-of-the-art learning environment that will enhance the education of Perth Amboy students as they become college and career ready.”*

The new high school will house many open spaces that can be adapted and modified to meet the school’s needs at any time. The design plans include an auditorium, a multimedia center, art and design studios, general classrooms, world language classrooms, NJROTC classrooms, science labs, and a main and auxiliary gymnasium.

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The new school will feature academic areas such as a black box theater, a music technology lab, a dance studio, an automotive lab, a communications/broadcasting lab, a digital/graphics studio, a culinary arts lab, and a language lab.

### About Perth Amboy Public Schools

The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square-mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our district provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 11,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at [www.paps.net](http://www.paps.net).

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