



La Promesa!

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PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A TREE GROWS IN PERTH AMBOY: THE NEW PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

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Perth Amboy, New Jersey – On Monday, September 27, 2021, Perth Amboy Public Schools, joined by students, state, county, and local officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA). The Groundbreaking Ceremony launched the next phase of the largest project undertaken by the SDA; a 576,000-square-foot, three-story facility with a total estimated cost of almost \$300 million dollars. The new school is currently being constructed on an 11.63-acre site. The project is anticipated for completion and opening to students in September 2024. The construction of this highly anticipated school will result in a state of the art facility for a maximum of 3,300 students in grades nine through twelve.

“Today’s groundbreaking ceremony for the New High School within Perth Amboy Public Schools symbolizes a continued commitment to the students of this community. The focus of our promise – La Promesa – is to nurture students to experience rigorous curriculum within a robust educational learning environment that supports the exploration of their creativity, hopes and dreams for this world,” **said Superintendent Dr. David A. Roman.**

“The new Perth Amboy High School is finally a reality after many years,” **said Board of Education President Mr. Kenneth Puccio.** *“I want to thank all of our stakeholders and the Board of Education for their continued support over the years.”*

“We are committed to ensuring that every child in New Jersey has access to a high-quality education,” **said Governor Murphy.** *“This school will not only relieve overcrowding in Perth Amboy Public Schools, but also provide a state-of-the-art facility that will foster learning and success for Perth Amboy students.”*

“For over 20 years, the Perth Amboy community has advocated for a new high school and today’s groundbreaking marks the fruition of our combined efforts,” **said Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Speaker Craig J. Coughlin and Assemblywoman Yvonne Lopez (District-19).** *“The new Perth Amboy high school will provide students with an unparalleled 21st century learning experience in a state-of-the-art facility that will undoubtedly serve as a model for educational excellence throughout the State of New Jersey.”*

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“This groundbreaking event is symbolic of our city’s commitment to the educational excellence for every child in Perth Amboy and marks the beginning of a new era in how we educate children in our community,” **said Mayor Helmin J. Caba.**

“The educational spaces and resources that will be provided through the construction of this new school will help to ensure Perth Amboy students and educators have the learning environment they need to succeed,” **said SDA CEO Manuel Da Silva.**

The New Jersey Department of Education has recognized the **Perth Amboy Public School District as a Light House District**, due to a myriad of accomplishments the District has successfully undertaken. The new high school will continue to support various educational programs in one facility; including a comprehensive high school, a Communications Academy, a Health Sciences Academy, a Dual Language Program all of which are currently operating in the present high school and throughout the District.

The new high school was designed to house a plethora of open spaces that can be adapted and modified to meet the needs of the school at any time. Some of the educational spaces that the new school will feature include: 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, a language lab, a cafeteria, an auditorium, and a multimedia center, along with art and design studios, general classrooms, world language classrooms, NJROTC classrooms, science labs, and a main and an auxiliary gymnasium.

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.

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