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Early Childhood Development Center Opens with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Friday January 9, 2009 at 10:30 am the Early Childhood Development Center will open with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the lobby.

Located at 1602 Pine Street on the site of the former ECDC, the building design includes 37 classrooms for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students ages 3 through 5. The facility will accommodate a curriculum for students with disabilities. ECDC has allocated dedicated classrooms for music, art instruction and ten additional small group instruction spaces for specialized programs. A parent room for teacher-student-parent interaction is also part of the model of the new ECDC. The school will also include a cafeteria with a kitchen, a gymnasium/multi-purpose room for 150 students, a media center a media center and occupational/physical therapy space. The completed school size is approximately 81,800 square feet. The Early Childhood Development Center will accommodate 444 students and members of the faculty.

The architect selected for the design of this school is The Hillier Group, of Princeton New Jersey. The Henderson Corporation is the general contractor for the project and Don Todd Associates, the project management firm.

The theme of the ribbon cutting will be "A New Beginning For Every Child" and the program will include current and retired members of the ECDC staff as well as a special presentation dedication to the late Dr. John "Jack" Boyle who was the principal of ECDC from 1979 until his passing in 2003.

The original ECDC building originally opened as the Skills Development Center, was torn down due to structural problems and replaced by the new ECDC.