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Emmett O'Brien Groundbreaking ceremony highlights renovations to school

(Ansonia, CT – September 22, 2014) On a bright, beautiful Monday morning a ceremonial ground breaking ceremony was held at Emmet O'Brien Technical High School.

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman spoke at the event along with School Principal Laurie LeBouthillier, Superintendent of School Dr. Nivea Torres and Department of Administrative Services' Division of Construction Services Deputy Commissioner Pasquale "Bud" Salemi.

"It's an exciting day for Ansonia and Emmett O'Brien," say Wyman. "This project will really anchor the community to Emmett O'Brien and give amazing educational opportunities to these students. Learning the skills and trades offered here at Emmett O'Brien will give these students the opportunity to get high paying jobs right after graduation."

"The school saw its last major facelift in the 1970's and we are excited like everyone else to give the Emmett O'Brien students a first rate learning environment. We are very happy with our partners who have listened to the school and the State Department of Education throughout the design process and developed the process to transform this school into something that all of us will be extremely proud of and we look forward to that long overdue transformation," said Department of Administrative Services' Division of Construction Services Deputy Commissioner Pasquale "Bud" Salemi.

The project includes construction of approximately 46,000 gross square feet of new construction and 124,000 gross square feet of renovation. The project will be constructed with two phases requiring the temporary relocation of some of the students and installation of portable classrooms and several minor phases with less involved relocations at each phase. The project also includes refurbishment of the school's athletic fields located on Ford Street.

Additional Information:

Construction Cost: \$64M

Total Cost: \$94.3M

Architect: Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. , South Windsor, CT

Construction Manager: The Fusco Corporation, New Haven, CT

Construction Administration: Arcadis-U.S., Middletown, CT

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Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman arrives for the groundbreaking ceremony.



DAS Division of Construction Services Deputy Commissioner speaks at the Emmett O'Brien groundbreaking ceremony.

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Emmett O'Brien principal Laurie LeBouthillier addresses the audience.



Superintendent Dr. Nivea Torres speaks at the event.

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State and local officials participate in the ceremonial ground breaking.