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Aspire P-16: On the Successful Opening of the New Springfield High School



September 7th was a beautiful sunny day – just perfect for the dedication of Springfield High School! Springfield High, a \$63 million building will serve as the consolidated high school for Springfield City Schools. The high school is the 16th and final new building constructed by Springfield's partnership with the Ohio School Facilities Commission. Springfield paid 18% of the costs; the OSFC paid 82% of the costs.

Superintendent Donald R. Thompson presided over the dedication ceremony that featured remarks by School Board President Donna Picklesimer and Mayor Warren Copeland, as well as presentations from the architects, construction team, state representatives, and Springfield Educators Association President, Greg Krouse. Many students volunteered their time to lead tours of their new school. Nearly 3,000 community members took advantage of this opportunity to explore the new high school.

Springfield High is serving approximately 2000 students this year. Students and staff are populating four small schools within the high school. District leaders say this design offers the best of both worlds – the full offerings of a large high school without sacrificing the benefits of small learning communities. Students have an academic home in their small school, but all courses and all extracurricular activities are open to everyone.

Springfield High offers a large number courses and programs to prepare students for the successful transition to the rigors of college: four world languages, American Sign Language, 13 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, "Project Lead the Way" Engineering Curriculum, GEARUP, and the area's only International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

To learn more about the new Springfield High School, visit the school's website www.WeAreSpringfieldHigh.org, or call the main office at 505-4320.

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Good News



The dedication kicked off with a ceremonial ribbon cutting by the Small School Planning Committee's Student Leadership Team – comprised of students from North and South High who worked with high school and district staff over the past year. Many of those students are pictured with Mayor Warren Copeland holding the big scissors for this big event.



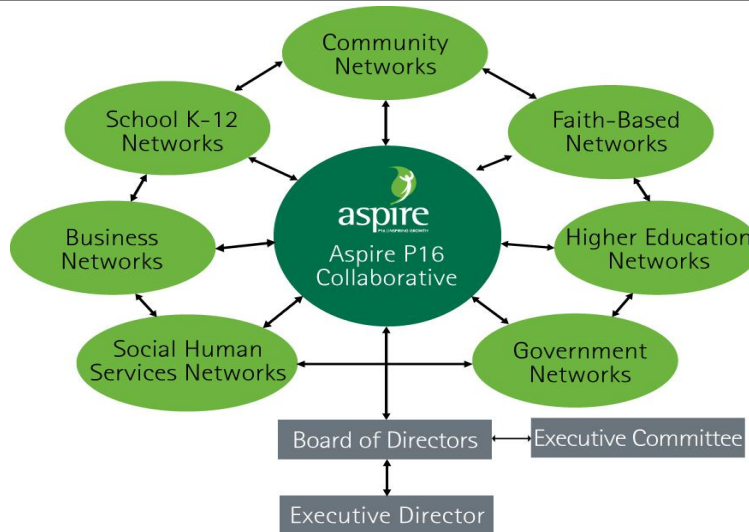
One of the highlights of the ceremony was when Springfield Senior Grace Hypolite sang the school's new Alma Mater, "Gold, Blue, and White!" for the first time, accompanied by Choir Director David Weimer.

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