

Rebuilding our schools, reshaping education

The district will unveil the two newest pieces in its ongoing facilities project during the 2008-09 school year and is looking forward to sharing these events with the entire community.

William S. Hackett Middle School is returning to its familiar location at 45 Delaware Ave. in August. The renovated facility combines many of the building's historic characteristics with completely redone space to create a state-of-the-art middle school environment that will support the kinds of programs that will lead to greater success for every student.



Hackett Principal Kenneth Newman and his staff have been hard at work this summer preparing for the school's highly anticipated re-opening for the 2008-09 school year.

A ribbon-cutting and grand re-opening event is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m. We invite all to attend.

New Scotland Elementary School – the former Public School 19 – will return home to 369 New Scotland Ave. following winter break in January. Once again, this project will blend the best of the old and the best of the new in a state-of-the-art learning environment.

A special community event also will welcome the re-opening of this facility.

While work at New Scotland Elementary is completed in the fall, first-grade students will attend Eagle Point Elementary School and students in kindergarten and grades 2-5 will attend the former Montessori Magnet School at 75 Park Ave. All students will return to New Scotland Avenue in January.

The district also will begin the renovation of Arbor Hill Elementary School in 2008-09, the final piece in the comprehensive rebuilding plan for the elementary and middle schools.

Arbor Hill Elementary has moved into the district's swing space in the former Philip Schuyler Elementary School at 141 Western Ave. (the temporary home for Hackett Middle School from January 2006 until the end of last school year).

Work at Arbor Hill Elementary is scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2010-11 school year.