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## TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE



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## \* \* \* MEDIA & EVENT ADVISORY \* \* \* THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

Mayor John E. McCormac, Woodbridge Township Board of Education and School District Administration to Announce Groundbreaking and Start-of-Construction at Ross Street Elementary School #11 and Woodbridge Middle School

WHAT: Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac, the Woodbridge Township Board of Education and School District Administration will announce the Groundbreaking and Start-of-Construction and Renovations at two outdated school buildings – Woodbridge Middle School (built in 1910) and Ross Street Elementary School #11 (built in 1920). The \$50 million renovation project – approved by Public Referendum last year – stand as the first major renovations to Woodbridge Township school buildings since the 1960's.

Ross Street Elementary School: The new three-story, 87,000 sq. ft. school is centered around a large atrium courtyard providing natural light and a connection to nature. The courtyard houses a small amphitheater for outdoor lessons, several living/learning gardens and seating areas for reading and eating. The school promotes various break-out spaces and flexible learning environments for a variety of learning styles, while also equipped with photovoltaics combined with daylighting strategies to reduce overall energy consumption.

<u>Woodbridge Middle School:</u> Renovations to the one-hundred-year-old school are centered upon creating a more advanced learning environment and additional improvements to the Theatre at WMS. In a complex design scheme utilizing the existing structure, the renovations will include a new gymnasium and locker rooms, large musical and vocal classrooms, six new science rooms, a Creative Commons, video production studio and renovated classrooms.

WHO: Mayor John E. McCormac

Woodbridge Township Municipal Council Woodbridge Township Board of Education

Dr. Robert Zega, Superintendent, Woodbridge Township School District Administration

Dr. John Crowe, Principal, Woodbridge Middle School and Students Tammy Giordano, Principal, Ross Street School #11 and Students

Ken Karle, President, LAN Associates (Project Architect)

Woodbridge Township Administration

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

10:00 AM: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT WOODBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**525 BARRON AVENUE** 

11:30 AM: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT ROSS STREET SCHOOL #11