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Newark Tech Next in Line for Addition and Renovations



Wayne, NJ: After completing the highly acclaimed Donald M. Payne, Sr. School of Technology and additions and renovations to Essex County School of Technology West Caldwell Campus, Di Cara | Rubino Architects and the Essex County Schools of Technology have focused their sights on the Newark Tech campus.

Perched on a site straddling West Market Street and Raymond Boulevard in the University Heights section of Newark, NJ, the building is set to undergo significant upgrades that will align it with the District's vision of offering 21st century learning environments in Career-Technology Education (CTE) to the students of Essex County. Additionally, the new addition which will house the new Cafeteria and Media Center will complement the recent improvements to nearby buildings and new construction in the rapidly redeveloping neighborhood.

The highlight of the project is a three-story, 16,500 square-foot addition on an existing parking lot facing Raymond Boulevard that will house a modern entry lobby on the ground floor, with an expansive media center and cafeteria occupying the second and third floors, respectively. A curved curtain wall window facade, and extended roof line will add a contemporary flair to the existing building. The remainder of the steel framed structure is adorned with brick, cast stone, masonry veneer, and composite metal panels. Site work will include sidewalks, curbing, paving, signage, and landscaping, as well as tie-ins to the existing utilities for sewer, stormwater, and a new electrical upgrade to the existing building.



Interior renovations totaling approximately 165,000 square feet will accompany the new addition. The scope of work includes two new physics labs, new nurse suite, new Teal Center II, and new classrooms. Also included is the renovation of the cafeteria kitchen and serving area, faculty lounge, cabinetry lab, and office spaces to support the TEAL Center. The renovation also involves the refurbishment of an existing wheelchair lift and freight elevator, as well as new ADA-accessible student and staff toilets. New state of the art HVAC system with automated controls for the entire existing building, new fire alarm system, upgraded electrical distribution and AV/IT systems will also be provided.

Epic Management is the general contractor and Jingoli & Sons is the Construction Manager for the project. The engineering consultants on the project included Harrison-Hamnett (structural engineering), Johnson & Urban (M/E/P engineering), French & Parrello Associates (site/civil engineering), Van Duesen & Associates (elevator consulting services), Raymond/Raymond (food service design) and Lewis Goodfriend & Associates (acoustical consulting services).

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