

Rep. Tom Tangretti

Middle School Dedication

Nov. 16, 2000

Good evening.

It is a pleasure and an honor to join administrators, teachers, parents and students here tonight for the dedication of the new Herrold Middle School.

It is always great to see the excitement in the eyes of children, the satisfaction on the faces of parents, and the anticipation in the remarks of teachers when they prepare to first enter and put to use a new school.

All of us know that education is much more than bricks and mortar – it is about all of us who have gathered here tonight to dedicate this building.

But there is no doubt that bricks and mortar is a part of the equation.

Our children are the rock upon which our future will be built; the greatest asset of our nation and the people who will take care of us as we grow older.

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They will be our leaders, our ~~creators~~, our protectors.

But if they are to enter the adult world ready to take on those responsibilities, the rich potential in every child must be developed.

Education is the key to that process – the door through which all of our children must pass before they are ready to enter the world.

There are many issues each of us faces daily: our health, what we are going to eat for dinner, the stress in our jobs, the mortgage, rent or car payment.

It is sometimes easy to forget about the education of our children, especially for those who no longer have children in school.

That is why it is so great to see a community where the importance of that education, and the facilities needed to foster it, have not been forgotten.

When we dedicate the opening of this renovated building, we are not dedicating the Herrold Middle School as educator in and of itself.

Rather, we are dedicating the renovations at Herrold Middle School as a symbol, and a very important one, of this community's commitment to making sure that facilities do not become a hindrance to the educator.

Believe me, children listen at the dinner table, read the papers and watch the evening news.

They know the level of commitment that a community has to their well-being.

When, year after year, they walk into a building with poor heat, not enough computers, crumbling chalkboards and drafty hallways, they recognize it as a reflection of the importance the people of their community place in them.

That is why I believe the most important role this new building will play in education of the children of the Hempfield School District is the message it sends them.

It is a message from all of you that they matter, that with the right tools, they can succeed, and – above all else – that is what you want for them.

Congratulations on your efforts, and to the tireless and continuing work and commitment of everyone – parents, teachers, administrators and students – in the Hempfield School District.

And once again, thank you for making me a proud partner in this dedication ceremony.

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November 9, 2000

Dear Guest Speaker,

We are pleased that you have agreed to be a guest speaker for the Dedication Ceremony for Harrold Middle School. To keep you informed, we are enclosing a copy of the order of the program, as it has been printed, and an annotated version, including details about who will introduce you.

We hope that this information will give you an understanding of how we have arranged the segments of the ceremony. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, and speak with Dr. Mori, Mrs. Eicher, or Mrs. Kubeldis.

We are looking forward to your participation in this important event.

Our sincere thanks,

Harrold Dedication Committee

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