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## **THE LOWELL SCHOOL HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL SITE IN FLUSHING**

Bayside, New York, November 21, 2011 – The Lowell School's High School held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, to officially mark the opening of its new building in Flushing, NY. The New York City Comptroller, John Liu, Assemblywoman Grace Meng, and New York State Education Department Regent, Geraldine Chapey, were among the over 100 guests including parents, families and friends. The Lowell High School is now located at 142-45 58<sup>th</sup> Road in Flushing. The high school first opened its doors on September 8, 2011 to 135 students for the school year.



"It is a very happy occasion, for the families of the students, for Queens and for the entire city, now that The Lowell School has its own home and that it will be serving families from all around the area," said City Comptroller John Liu.

"We are so proud of the work that you do. Our high school students are the children we need to make an investment in, as they are our future and this [The Lowell School] is so important to the whole community," said Assemblywoman Grace Meng.

Pictured standing in front of The Lowell School High School minutes before the ribbon cutting ceremony are (from left, front row) Fr. Edward Kachurka, pastor of St. Ann's parish; Susan Price, Lowell's Elementary/Middle School principal; Susan Klein, Lowell's High School principal; New York City Comptroller John Liu; NYS Board of Regents Member, Geraldine Chapey; Dede Proujansky, Lowell's executive director; Assemblywoman Grace Meng; Mike Proujansky, Lowell's treasurer and Board member. Pictured in back row (from left) are some of Lowell's members of the Board of Directors: Saul Stumer, Joseph Brunken, an alum parent and president, and Joseph Lentini. Photo: Courtesy of The Lowell School.

After 43 years, the long-awaited opening of Lowell High School's new home, at the former St. Ann's parish Catholic school, was a welcomed sight for the school staff, parents and families. "It has been quite a journey for our dream to become a reality, said Susan Klein, the high school principal.

"Today is the culmination of many years of hard work and advocacy for a new school building," said Dede Proujansky, Lowell's executive director. "The journey has been significant in many ways. The most important being what this building will help us achieve for our students, now and in the future." Ms. Proujansky acknowledged the efforts of Fr. Edward Kachurka, pastor at St. Ann's parish, the NY State Education Department, at both the local and state levels, educational attorney, Marion Katzive, Susan Klein, principal of Lowell High School, for running a wonderful program, while at the same time planning a new one, and Mike Proujansky, and alum parent and president of Lowell's Board of Directors, Joseph Brunken, who helped ensure that Lowell's dream became a reality.



Side entrance view of the new Lowell High School campus site in Flushing, NY, which opened its doors for the current school year on September 8, 2011. Photo: Courtesy of The Lowell School.

The new high school site is more than double the size of its previous facility. At approximately 38,000 sq. ft., the newly renovated site will further support the needs of its growing student population and enhance its already successful program.

Among the many new amenities, the building includes: renovated classrooms with intercom system and air conditioning; Gym with stage for school productions; Cafeteria with cooking facilities; Boys and Girls Locker Rooms; Science Lab; Art Room;

Music Room; Computer Lab; Library; Conference Room; OT/PT Room; Nurse's Office; Adequate office space for all related service and auxiliary personnel; Staff Lounge; Student Lockers; Elevator, and Wireless internet access.

The Lowell School is a New York State Regents approved and accredited not-for-profit coeducational non-public day school for children with learning differences. The High School has a growing wish list with named giving opportunities to support its new facility. For information on ways to give, contact The Lowell School's Office of Development at 718-352-2100. You can visit the school at [www.thelowellschool.com](http://www.thelowellschool.com).

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