Mayor Kenney and Independence Mission Schools Celebrate Grand Opening of St. Malachy’s New Location With Ribbon Cutting and Blessing

WHAT: Independence Mission Schools, with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, will celebrate the official grand opening of its new St. Malachy Catholic School with a ceremonially ribbon cutting, blessing and tour of the facility. Anne McGoldrick, president of Independence Mission Schools, will also announce a significant donation to St. Malachy.

In three short years, Independence Mission Schools — which provides Catholic education to students of all faiths in low-income areas across the City of Philadelphia — has engineered dramatic turnaround for the fifteen schools in the network, many of which were once slated for closure. With the new location, St. Malachy School aims to build upon its vibrant 156-year history in Philadelphia by welcoming hundreds of students to its state-of-the-art facility that will ultimately feature an innovative blended learning curriculum, community hub, technology center, performing arts auditorium, playing fields, outdoor space and more. Notably, the new location also features an incredible mural that commemorates Pope Francis’ historic visit to Philadelphia.

WHEN: Monday, October 17, 2016
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: St. Malachy Catholic School
1012 West Thompson Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122

KEY GUESTS: Mr. Jim Kenney, Mayor, City of Philadelphia
Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Ms. Anne McGoldrick, President, Independence Mission Schools
Mr. Stephen Janczewski, Principal, St. Malachy Catholic School

VISUALS: Mayor Kenney and Bishop Fitzgerald, along with Independence Mission Schools leadership and St. Malachy Catholic School students, will participate in an official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Bishop Fitzgerald will bless the school to commemorate its grand opening.

Principal Stephen Janczewski and select St. Malachy Catholic School students will offer a tour of the new space, highlighting classrooms, innovative work spaces and new technologies.

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