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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW DU BOIS MIDDLE & 9TH GRADE PREP ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC POLICY To Provide Educational Options for the East Memphis Community

Memphis - Dr. W. W. Herenton, former City Mayor and Superintendent of Memphis City Schools is embarking on higher grounds as the current C.E.O. of the W.E.B. Du Bois Consortium of Charter Schools, Inc. Dr. Herenton and the Governance Board of the Du Bois Charter Schools will break ground on a new Middle and 9th Grade Academy to be constructed by Highmark Developers, a Utah-based company.

The 40,000 square foot facility will be located at 8146 E. Shelby Drive in the southeast corridor of Memphis. It is scheduled to be completed in early summer of 2016. Parents with students in grades 6-9 and community stakeholders are cordially invited to attend the groundbreaking. Attendees will have the opportunity to gain valuable information about the wonderful educational opportunities available for students through the Du Bois Consortium of Charter Schools. School leaders will be on site to provide detailed information, answer questions and accept applications for the 2016-17 academic year.

The W.E.B. Du Bois Consortium of Charter Schools' mission is to improve academic achievement in at-risk students by providing high-quality schools that foster academic achievement through a focus on high expectations, strong school leadership, effective teaching, character development, parental and community engagement and positive results in a technology-enriched environment.

The Du Bois Consortium's founder, Dr. W. W. Herenton, is a proven leader and innovative educator. He introduced the highly successful Optional School Program more than 35 years ago, which is yet thriving in the Shelby County School System today.

Event Details

What: Du Bois Middle School & 9th Grade Prep Academy Groundbreaking Ceremony

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: 8146 E. Shelby Drive - Memphis, TN 38125

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