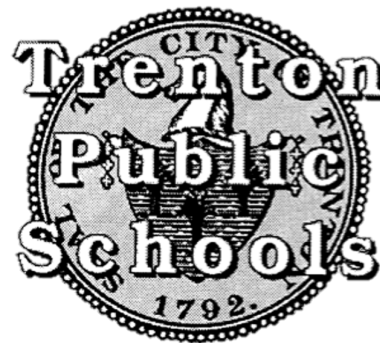


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TPS to host two ribbon cutting ceremonies in honor of Dr. Crosby Copeland Jr. and Darlene C. McKnight

[TRENTON, NJ] - Trenton Public Schools (TPS) is proud to announce and celebrate two school dedication and ribbon cutting ceremonies on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Dr. Crosby Copeland Jr. Elementary School's event will be held at 9 a.m. (1200 Brunswick Ave); and Darlene C. McKnight Elementary School's event will be at 1 p.m. (175 Girard Ave.). Limited parking is available at both school locations.

The Trenton Board of Education voted unanimously during the May 23 meeting to Columbus Elementary School and Wilson Elementary School.

Effective Friday, July 1, 2022, Columbus Elementary School was renamed Dr. Crosby Copeland Jr. Elementary School; and Wilson Elementary School was renamed Darlene C. McKnight Elementary School.

Dr. Crosby Copeland was born and raised in Trenton and attended TPS. Copeland served in the Army before dedicating himself to teaching. His teaching career consisted of many positions: an elementary teacher, a junior high physical education teacher, vice-principal of Jr. High School #2, principal of Parker Elementary and Junior High School #1, and principal of TCHS. He later served as the superintendent of TPS for eight years. He was recognized statewide for presenting public testimony to local, state, and national educational groups, commissions, and legislative committees regarding issues related to urban education; equity of resources, funding, students at risk, and drop-out prevention. He passed away on Feb. 9, 2021.

Darlene C. McKnight lived in Trenton for 55 years, where she was known as a well-loved and respected activist. She did extensive work in the community with numerous agencies and advocacy groups to make Trenton a safer place for all adults and their children. She was a parent liaison at TPS and later became a parent volunteer, school representative, and a parent organizer always advocating for improvement in conditions impacting the Trenton children. She fought to have advocacy training for parents/guardians, as partners, to improve the educational and social success of their children in school. McKnight was an affiliate of many community partnerships and received many awards/honors from those in the community who respected and admired her. She passed away on March 14, 2022.

Both Dr. Crosby Copeland Jr. and Darlene C. McKnight have extended themselves above and beyond for Trenton Public Schools and the City of Trenton.

About Trenton Public Schools (TPS)

The ultimate mission for TPS is for all students to graduate with a vision for their future, motivated to learn continually and prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career. For more information on Trenton Public Schools, please visit www.trentonk12.org

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