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Building 21 Allentown High School Announces Advisory Council

Allentown, PA (December 8, 2016) Building 21 Allentown High School announces their Advisory Council, comprised of community and business leaders, who will provide continued guidance and leadership for the District's newest high school.

The Advisory Council will be led by Chairman John Stanley. Stanley recently retired from Air Products as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer and currently serves as Chair of the Air Products Foundation. Air Products has been, since 2014, the lead supporter for Building 21 Allentown. In addition, Stanley has served on the Building 21 Allentown Executive Committee, combining with over 20 Allentown Business and Community leaders to successfully lead the effort to raise the private capital required to launch Building 21 Allentown in 2015.

In addition to Stanley, Building 21 Allentown Advisory Council will also be comprised of:

- Don Bernhard, Executive Director, Downtown Allentown Community Development Initiative
- Dr. Gary Cooper, Interim Superintendent, Allentown School District
- Nancy Dischinat, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Workforce Development
- Scott Fainor, Group Executive, BB&T Bank
- Laurie Gostley Hackett, Manager, Community Relations and Philanthropy, Air Products
- Laura Haffner, Area President, Senior Vice President, Wells Fargo
- Dr. Chip Linehan Co-Founder, Building 21
- Ed Meehan, Executive Director, The Rider-Pool Foundation
- Dr. Tina Q. Richardson, Chancellor, Penn State Lehigh Valley
- J.B. Reilly, Founder and President, City Center Investment Corporation
- Jose Rosado, Jr., School Leader, Building 21 Allentown
- William Spence, Chairman, President and CEO, PPL
- Sharon Jones Zondag, Staff to the Advisory Council

Building 21 Allentown High School, located at 265 Lehigh Street, Allentown, opened in September 2015 with 150 freshman students and added 150 freshmen in September 2016.

Building 21 is a non-profit organization that supports School Districts to develop new models for secondary education with a particular focus on college and career pathways. Building 21 administers a Career Pathways program to support college and work-based experiences. The organization partnered with the Allentown School District in 2014 to provide ASD students with a new educational experience.

About Allentown School District

ASD serves more than 17,000 students in a network of 22 early childhood, elementary, middle and high schools located throughout the City of Allentown, PA. The Allentown School District is the third largest urban school district out of 500 districts in the Commonwealth. A shared vision of the community, parents, guardians, staff and faculty focuses on "Empowering Students for Life," providing ASD students with the skills and academics they need to realize their aspirations whether they be college, career or technical focus. ASD goals are aligned and compatible with the Pathways to Success Framework while providing a balanced education to all students. Allentown School District employs approximately 2,200 teachers, staff and administrators. The District, founded in 1866, serves students from 43 countries speaking 26 languages with nearly 90 percent of households qualifying as low income. ASD is committed to providing safe learning environments in which all students have equal access to education programs and resources.

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