



# Aurora Public Schools

## APS Celebrates Aurora Hills Grand Opening



*Aurora Hills Middle School students join Superintendent John L. Barry and Principal Darla Stumpp at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.*

Nearly 1,000 students, staff and community members recently celebrated the grand opening of the new Aurora Hills Middle School.

The new school replaces a 1973 building constructed without windows, classroom walls or doors. The new building provides a much improved learning environment for the Aurora Hills International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

The project was made possible by bond dollars approved by Aurora voters in 2008. The APS bond program is funding improvements at every school in the district. To learn more about bond projects, visit [aurorak12.org/bond](http://aurorak12.org/bond).

## What's Next for Aurora Hills?

The final phase of the Aurora Hills bond project includes demolition of the old school building and site improvements. Building demolition will begin in early March and continue through April. Other work will include sidewalk demolition and replacement on adjacent streets, landscaping improvements, fencing and installation of sod for new athletic fields. The Aurora Hills athletic fields will be ready for use by early October.

APS will recycle a large percentage of the waste from the old school building as part of the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification process. LEED is an internationally recognized program, which certifies projects that meet "green" building practices.

