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**Newark's Marion P. Thomas Charter School Dedicates Site for New School**

Dignitaries and Elected Officials Will Be Presented Ground-Breaking Shovels Individually Designed by Graduating Students

NEWARK, N.J., June 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Newark's Marion P. Thomas Charter School dedicates site for new school on Sussex Ave.

**WHAT:** On Monday, June 23, 2008, MPTCS will host a dedication ceremony at the future site of its new school on Sussex Ave and Newark Ave. The dedication program will follow Marion P. Thomas Charter School's 8th grade graduation ceremony to be held at New Hope Baptist Church. For more information call 973-621-0060.

**WHO:** Invited Speakers  
 Honorable Cory A. Booker  
 Mayor, City of Newark  
  
 Mildred C. Crump  
 President, Newark City Council  
  
 Dana Rone  
 Councilmember, Central Ward  
  
 Commissioner Lucille E. Davy  
 New Jersey Department of Education  
  
 Reverend Joe A. Carter  
 Pastor, The New Hope Baptist Church  
  
 Ernestine Watson  
 President, Vision of Hope

**WHEN:** On Monday, June 23, 2008, 12:00pm

**WHERE:** Enter site on Newark Street and Sussex Ave, Newark, NJ 07102 (Directly across from 106 Sussex Ave)

**WHY:** Marion P. Thomas Charter School is expanding New Jersey's Charter School movement through its partnership with Vision of Hope Community Development Corporation of Newark, NJ and Friends of MPTCS, a philanthropic organization that supports the school. The partnership between Vision CDC and Friends of MPTCS represents one of New Jersey's largest construction projects undertaken by a CDC on behalf of a charter school. Friends of MPTCS will build the new facility on Sussex Ave on a site that Vision of Hope owns. The new school is set for completion in 2010.

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