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UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL
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New High School Started in University City Area

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Mark R. Shedd, superintendent of schools, presided today at ground breaking for the West Philadelphia – University City High School.

The ceremony on the 14 acre site on 26th st. south of Lancaster av. was attended by university and school officials.

When the school opens in September, 1970, it will serve as a comprehensive unit for the area's youth and a specialized science facility for children from all over the city.

Special Facility

Dr. Shedd told about 150 guests:

“This is more than just a routine groundbreaking. Even more than all the new facilities we have, this one will be special.”

He said the school was one of only 17 throughout the country to be designated an “organic curriculum development” school by the U.S. Office of Education.

“The possibilities of this school are tremendously exciting,” he said. “Despite the problems we live with from day to day, progress is being made.”

Total Involvement

Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell, president of the University of Pennsylvania, said the involvement of the universities and industry in the project offered “a further opportunity for full-scale cooperation by the total community.”

The school will adjoin the planned University City Science Center and students will be able to use its facilities. The enrollment will be 3,000 with 75 percent of the students drawn from the immediate area.

George Hutt, a school board member, said:

"This will not be an elite school, it will serve the whole community."

