



Transition 99 Center Ribbon Cutting

TRANSITION 99 CENTER
4232 VENARD ROAD
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

Monday, October 23, 2023 · 4 p.m.





Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Hank Thiele, District 99 Superintendent

T99 Center Representatives

Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services

Lisa Bollow, Director of Special Services

Carolina Schoenbeck, Transition 99 Coordinator

Ceremonial Ribbon Cutting and Photographs

Music

This is Me! From Greatest Showman

Performance by Transition 99 Students

Closing Remarks

Donald E. Renner III, District 99 Board of Education President

Refreshments

Cupcakes and Presentation by Signs & Love Event Rentals

2000

2010

1998

District 99 establishes a dedicated program, Transition 99, for transition-aged (18-21) students, operating from Downers Grove South High School

2006

In partnership with Westmont School District 201, T99 offers its program at 133 S. Grant Street in Westmont, Illinois

2012

T99 moves to classrooms located in both Downers Grove North High School and Downers Grove South High School when the Westmont location is no longer available

2012

D99 conducts a search for a dedicated facility so that

T99 can be close to but independent from the high schools. In May, the Board of Education approves the purchase of 4232 Venard Road in Downers Grove.

The 10,000-square-foot building was previously used as a warehouse for a local plumbing company.

A full renovation of the space begins.



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HISTORY TIMELINE

2020

2013

T99 officially opens for the school year

2014

An Open House is held to celebrate the new facility with the community on February 5

2021

To accommodate additional students, 2,500 square feet of unused space in the rear of the building is converted to two classrooms, an Interactive Sensory room and several restrooms

2023

An additional 6,000 square feet is added to T99 due to increased enrollment and needs. Renovations include redesigning the building exterior, a new parking lot to accommodate staff, two additional classrooms, a secure vestibule, a second kitchen, a large gross motor sensory room, additional staff offices and a dedicated staff break room.



In Appreciation

We are grateful to the community members, parents, students, staff and faculty for supporting our effort to build a better future for our students. Thank you to current and past T99 staff members!

IN ADDITION, WE THANK

D99 Board of Education

Donald E. Renner III, President
Terry Pavesich, Vice President
Kara Casten
Ken Dawson
Christopher Espinoza
Sherell Fuller
Jennie Hagstrom

Past D99 Board of Education Members

Michael Davenport
Joanna Vazquez Drexler
Dr. Nancy Kupka

D99 Administration and Staff

Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent
Lisa Bollow, Director of Special Services
Michelle Cannan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official
Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations
Kristen Kucharski, Executive Assistant Physical Plant & Operations/Facility Rental Manager

Dr. Travis McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources
Mark Staehlin, Retired Controller
Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

T99 Staff

Latasha Baylark, Job Coach
Stephanie Bizrarek, Occupational Therapist
Mary Boettcher, Paraprofessional
Tricia Brawley, Vocational Coordinator
Chris Brooks, Custodian
Emily Cervantes, Nurse
Tullio Cox, Job Coach
Tom Davy, Paraprofessional
Paul Engman, Job Coach
Jennifer Franzese, OSP Coordinator
Natalie Gannon, Speech Therapist
Donna Gordon, Paraprofessional
Brent Greiner, Paraprofessional
Megan Heller, Paraprofessional
Ryan Howard, Paraprofessional
Genalyn Isla, Paraprofessional
Meghan Keller, Teacher
Jennifer Kelley, Paraprofessional
Patty Ladas, Teacher
Joanne Loschiavo, Teacher
Domenica Lonerio, Paraprofessional
Rebeca Manjerres, Physical Therapist



Mary Kate Monahan, Psychologist
Brenda Murphy, Paraprofessional
Jeanette Niemi, Paraprofessional
Jenny Patrick, Teacher
Michael Perino, Paraprofessional
Debra Principe, Paraprofessional
Jeri Powers, Administrative Assistant
Isabella Rios, Paraprofessional
Laura Rothamer, Teacher
Carolina Schoenbeck, Program
Coordinator
Jeri Smolek, Teacher
Clarence Sutton, Custodian
McKenna Szumski, Teacher
Odin Umali, Paraprofessional
Susan Wall, Paraprofessional
Ashley Warunek, Paraprofessional
Jacklyn Williams, Social Worker

Wight & Company

Donata Aukstuolis, Architect
Angus Evans, Superintendent
Annette Piha, Senior Interior Designer
Steve Shearer, Associate Principal
Nicholas Sleboda, Director of
Construction Operations
Amy Tiberi, Senior Project Manager

Village of Woodridge

Mayor Gina Cunningham
Village Trustees
Village Manager Al Stonitsch

Village of Downers Grove

Mayor Bob Barnett
Village Commissioners
Village Manager David Fieldman

Government Officials

Sean Casten, US Congressman
John Curran, Illinois State Senator
Terra Costa Howard, Illinois State
Representative
Anna Stava-Murray, Illinois State
Representative
Martin Torres, Deputy Governor
of Education

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