

West Aurora school district opens new Hill Elementary School

Aug. 17, 2017--West Aurora School Dist. 129 unveiled its new Hill Elementary School in Aurora, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and public tours.

After welcome remarks by Supt. Jeff Craig, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin and Hill Principal Mike Smith joined Craig in a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

On April 7, 2015, Dist. 129 residents approved a \$84.2 million referendum for school additions, geothermal heating and cooling systems and construction of a new Hill School on the site of the original school, built in 1888.

The former school was one of the oldest functioning school buildings in Illinois.

Hill hosted an open house on May 12 to celebrate 128 years of educating students in West Aurora.

Dist 129 schools opened the 2017--2018 school year Wednesday, Aug. 16.

PHOTO (TOP) West Aurora School Dist. 129 superintendent Jeff Craig, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin and Hill Elementary School Principal Mike Smith cut a ceremonial ribbon Thursday, Aug. 17, to open the new Hill School in Aurora. After remarks by Craig, the public was invited to take self-guided tours. (Al Benson photo)



PHOTO (BOTTOM) More than 100 kids and adults poured into Hill Elementary School in Aurora Thursday night after a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new school on the same site as its 1888 predecessor. (Al Benson photo)