DEDICATION AND OPEN HOUSE

BRIEN McMAHON
High School

CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
3 O'CLOCK, OCTOBER 22, 1961

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The Brien McMahon High School being dedicated today is named in memorium of one of Norwalk’s most famous sons. Born and raised in Norwalk, Brien McMahon was the son of William and Eugenie O’Brien McMahon. Known as “the father of the United States Atomic Energy Commission,” Senator McMahon attended grammar and high schools in Norwalk. He served as a judge of Norwalk City Court before his appointment, in 1933, as an assistant attorney general in the Justice Department. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1944 and was reelected to a second term, in 1950, which was cut short by his tragic death in 1952 as he neared the zenith of his career.
CONCERT

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER"

INVOCATION

OFFICIAL GREETING

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS

KEY PRESENTATION CEREMONY

PROGRAM

Brien McMahon High School Band
Conductor, William Roos

Brien McMahon High School Band
And Audience

Rev. William Nagle
Pastor, St. Josephs

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President, Student Council,
Brien McMahon High School

Rabbi Samuel Schwartz,
Temple Beth El

"Bless This House"
Director, Edward Book

Dr. James H.Halsey, B.A., M.A., LL.D.
President, University of Bridgeport

Brien McMahon High School Band
And Audience

Rev. Donald W. Emig,
Pastor, United Church of Rowayton

Refreshments will be served in the Cafeteria.
The Brien McMahon High School, designed by Lyons and Mather, Architects, is considered to be the largest single construction project ever undertaken by the City of Norwalk. The total project’s cost was $3,489,794 of which $2,473,568 paid for the building itself. It covers 180,000 square feet, giving each pupil 93 square feet. The cost per pupil using the school was $1,285 with a per foot cost of $13.74 for the building. This figure has been widely hailed for its economy.

As a reflection of the different curricular needs, aside from the 36 regular classrooms, the school includes 38 special classrooms providing facilities for such subjects as Business Education, Typing, Office Machines, Biology, General Science, Physics, Chemistry, Homemaking, Music, Arts and Crafts, Industrial Arts, Language Laboratory, Library, Auditorium, and Gymnasium with locker and shower facilities, Auxiliary Gymnasium, Kitchen, Cafeteria and Administrative Suite.

The outdoor athletic facilities, carefully integrated to fit the site, include a quarter-mile running track, football, soccer and hockey fields, two softball fields, a baseball diamond, three tennis courts, five handball courts and a girls’ general athletic field.

The school has a capacity for 1,500 students.
JOHN SHOSTAK  
Mayor  

Brien McMahon High School is truly a milestone in Norwalk’s educational history. By all means the greatest investment the city has ever made in the development of our young people, it serves not only to augment our Junior and Senior High facilities but also houses our new Community College, an innovation of which we are particularly proud.

With Brien McMahon High, Norwalk’s school system becomes much richer indeed.

HARRY A. BECKER  
Superintendent of Schools  

The beauty of the new Brien McMahon High School is obvious; but what may not be so obvious is the utility and flexibility of the facilities. There are classrooms of varying sizes which provide facilities for small, average and large size class groups. Folding partitions have been included in a number of areas. These include the cafeteria, the library, and the laboratories. The folding partitions make it possible to carry on separate activities, or to enlarge the space, when necessary, for use by bigger groups. The school is planned to utilize all types of equipment, including television.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a fine new school, and are thankful that it became available when it did. Taxpayers have the benefit of the extremely attractive prices bid by the contractors. All of us have the benefit of the facilities which in the space of only a few months, have already served as the temporary home of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, and which are now also being used as the center of activities for adult education and the new Norwalk Community College. The school has already been used for various community functions and will continue to serve important community needs for many years to come.

Auxiliary exit shows grillwork which is carried out in several locations of school's exterior. Brick walls insure fire-proofing.
The Auditorium seats 1,000 persons and has a 3,000 square foot stage including a projection room and stagecraft room.

**INTERIORS**

The Library which can be easily divided into two separate reading and study rooms. Shelving can house 16,000 books.

The Gymnasium, with 12,000 square feet, can be divided into two separate gyms. Folding bleachers can accommodate 2,400.

Music Room seats 85 students on raised platforms. All walls and ceilings are completely sound-proofed for privacy of study.

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