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Indoor pool part of Mount Eden school plan

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A NEW school planned for Mount Eden will be making a really big splash.

The New Settlement Community Campus will include a prekindergarten-to-12th-grade public school, a nonprofit community center — and an indoor swimming pool.

Officials will gather today at the site to launch the \$83 million project, co-developed by the Settlement Housing Fund and the New York City School Construction Authority.

As part of a wide-scale rehabilitation project, the Settlement Housing Fund and its subsidiary, New Settlement Apartments, have joined with the city School Construction Authority and city Department of Education to construct the New Settlement Community Campus.

The project comes after years of working with the community to determine and fulfill its needs, said



Rendering of New Settlement Community Campus with public school, community center and indoor pool — expected to be completed in 2012.

Carol Lamberg, who heads the Settlement Housing Fund.

"Overarching its significant value as a new school, swimming facility and community center in an underserved neighborhood, this campus symbolizes the unified hard work of neighborhood residents," she said.

The campus, expected to be

completed in 2012, will be housed in a four-story, 176,000-square-foot facility at 1501 Jerome Ave.

New Settlement Apartments will operate the center, its swimming pool and its array of social services.

The city Department of Education will operate the school.

The school campus will contain

two schools — an elementary school built to accommodate up to 423 students, and an intermediate/high school with a capacity of 568 students, as well as 96 special education students.

The school's library, auditorium and gymnasium will serve the entire school population. Outside of school hours it will be used to serve members of the local community.

The playgrounds also will be shared between the school and community members.

Jack Doyle, who heads New Settlement Apartments, said he believes the project will change the landscape in the neighborhood for the better.

"We are building an educational and recreational facility that will flourish," he said. "The new campus will be Mount Eden's centerpiece, and a model center of education, sports, social services and community activity."

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