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# COPIAGUE Connections

## A Focus on Facilities

As part of the Copiague School District and Board of Education's long-term planning with a focus on facilities, many projects have been recently completed or are in the final stages of completion. During the summer months, Copiague School District's buildings were still bustling with activity, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the buildings, grounds and maintenance staff. In addition to the cleaning and maintenance of the buildings and grounds typically done during the summer, there were many upgrades in facilities happenings throughout the district. The Board of Education has laid out careful plans for improvements, renovations and repairs to the district's facilities during the next 10 years. Inside is a description of some of the projects done this summer.



- Phase two of the Walter
   G. O'Connell
   Copiague High
   School cafeteria
   will include all new
   serving equipment.
   Phase three will
   include all new
   ceiling lighting.
- Completion of the Copiague Middle School library space.
- Planning stage of the extensions at Susan E. Wiley Elementary School (in design phase).
- Athletic field upgrades.



he fountain at Copiague Middle School.



Completion (left) and remodel (right) of the Copiague Middle School security/ greeter's entrance.

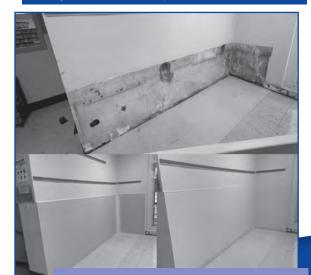




The cafeteria serving entrance at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School.



The renovations in the Copiague Middle School library are close to completion.



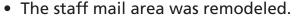
Replacement of trim and wall repair.

### Improvements Throughout the District

#### The district is continually working to enhance facilities. Below is a highlight of some of the summer projects:

#### Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School

- The cafeteria serving line was completely renovated. The high school cafeteria now has a new entrance area and new storefront with safety glass. Some portions will be complete by the middle of the school year.
- A classroom was converted into a Mock Trial Room.
- The College and Career Room in the guidance department was updated and renovated.
- A new Hall of Achievement Wall was created adjacent to the building's entrance.



- New office space was designed in the Deauville Gardens East and Deauville general office.
- The parking lot was repaired.

#### **Copiague Middle School**

- The security booth was renovated.
- A new fountain was installed by the cafeteria entrance.
- A new assistant principal's office was built.
- A renovation was done of the shipping department area.
- The library was completely renovated and new shelving, lighting, electrical and furniture is being installed.

#### **Elementary Schools**

- Gardens West had new stage curtains installed.
- Great Neck Road and Susan E. Wilev had new exterior signage installed.

#### **Districtwide**

- Exterior lighting was updated.
- Security cameras were upgraded.
- The digital building management system was updated.
- Boiler systems were modernized.
- Digital media displays were improved.

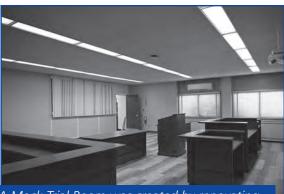


guidance department at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School





An additional Hall of Achievement wall was installed opposite the main entrance to the high school.



A Mock Trial Room was created by renovating an existing classroom space off the high school's library



Copiague High School

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## Hall of Achievement Celebrates 25 Years

Continuing its longstanding tradition of excellence, the Copiague School District celebrated its 2022 Hall of Achievement inductees during a ceremony held on Oct. 15 at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School.

Joined by family, friends, Copiague School District administrators and Board of Education members, this year's honorees were Gloria Hodgson (Class of 1980), Anthony S. Pepe (Class of 1996), Kenrick Thomas (Class of 2007) and Kia Wright (Class of 2003). Board of Education President Kenneth Urban welcomed guests to the ceremony and congratulated the newest inductees on this achievement.

"You should all be very proud of your accomplishments and successes," he said. "There are two main reasons for our Hall of Achievement," he said. "One is to recognize our alumni for their leadership, dedication, hard work and community involvement. The other is to show our students, both past and present, that we are

always with them for years

to come. Current students all have the opportunity to read about our inducted alumni through the years, showing them the pride that comes from striving to do your best in your career as well as give back to your community."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Bannon spoke about the creation of the Hall of Achievement in 1996, now in its 25th year, and the tradition it carries. "In honoring successful past graduates of Copiague, the Hall of Achievement's primary purpose is to introduce these alumni as positive role models to our entire school community," she said.



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