

Allentown School District Hosts Close to 200 Puerto Rican Evacuees at District Welcome Dinner

December 15, 2017 - Our Puerto Rico Evacuee Winter Welcome Dinner that was held on Friday, December 15th from 6:00-8:00pm at Building 21 was a success. We had approximately 176 participants. The collaboration with Community and Student Services Department and Life Church of the Lehigh Valley was instrumental in achieving this wonderful event welcoming our new families.



Our families were thankful and excited to be at the dinner, despite the weather conditions. The families were provided a dinner, dessert, gift boxes and donated items from community partners; such as coats, toiletries items, and school supplies.

We want to thank Superintendent Thomas Parker and School Board members Cece Gerlach, Cheryl Johnson-Watts and Phoebe Harris for their attendance.



A special thanks to community partners:

- Life Church Lehigh Valley and their volunteers
- Modell's Sporting Goods
- Lehigh Carbon Community College
- AGE in Place
- Lehigh Valley Health Network
- Walmart Employees

Another special thanks to Building 21 students and ASD Staff:

Building 21 Students:

Nyzel Loveless
Jared Carrion
Naleishka Perez
Laura Lugo
Roberto De Jesus
Noslian Rivera



ASD Staff:

Jose Rosado, Jr. Principal/School Leader	Building 21
Jennifer Aponte	Behavioral Specialist
Curtis Dries	Building 21 Custodian
Cory Nealis	Security
Saul Hernandez	Security
Grisel Cruz de Alvarez	Outreach Worker
Ana Martinez	Outreach Worker
Jaimie Cruz Ramos	School Parent Liaison
Fe Candelario	School Parent Liaison
Jessica Martin	School Parent Liaison
Grace Cano	Secretary
Johana Gonzalez	Secretary
Julie Schaible	Child and Family Services Coordinator
Stacey Gilmartin	School Climate Coordinator
Russell Valentini	Homeless Liaison
Jacquelyn Scott	Director of Community and Student Services