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SUBJECT: Creekside School Opens on George Miner Campus

On December 5<sup>th</sup> an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Creekside School on the Oak Grove School District's George Miner campus took place. The event was to celebrate the school's new location in the Oak Grove Community.

Creekside is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) nonpublic and private school serving students with autism in 1st-12th grade. Their mission is to improve quality of life for students and their families. Creekside Founders David Drummond and Marimo Berk, along with José Manzo gave speeches to the crowd and participated in the ribbon cutting which formally opened the school at its new location. Creekside moved from one portable located on at The Church on the Hill and will now use several areas on the George Miner campus.

Superintendent José Manzo welcomed the new school and the community to Oak Grove, "Creekside is the perfect group to use our campus and facilities. It is a win-win for both the District and Creekside. In the future, they may be able to support some of the District's own students. We know the community will be pleased that the school is once again serving students and families."

George Miner Elementary School was one of two schools that Oak Grove School District closed at the end of the 2017-2018 school year due to declining enrollment. Creekside's use of the George Miner campus will provide the District with lease revenue. Creekside hopes to increase their enrollment to 60 students which would expand their use of facilities. While closing a school is never the choice a district wants to make, the partnership with Creekside School is a positive one for the District and surrounding community.



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