Glassboro’s J. Harvey Rodgers School is Rowan’s eighth Professional Development School

The J. Harvey Rodgers School in Glassboro officially joined the College of Education’s Professional Development School (PDS) network during a ceremony held in the school’s All Purpose Room on Monday, September 18, 2017.

School and University representatives unrolled the banner which officially welcomes J. Harvey Rodgers to the College of Education’s growing network of Professional Development Schools. In addition to College of Education representatives Dean Monika Shealey and Dr. Stacey Leftwich, Principal Aaron Edwards, Superintendent Mark Silverstein, and President of Glassboro Board of Education Pete Calvo took part in the ceremony.

The students of J. Harvey Rodgers led the Pledge of Allegiance and closed the ceremony with a performance of “One Small Voice.” Mrs. Downham performed the National Anthem with Ms. Shipley accompanying on the piano.

J. Harvey Rodgers is the third Glassboro School to join the PDS network. Last year, Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School joined. Two years ago, Thomas E. Bowe School became a Rowan PDS.

Through the PDS program, a Rowan Professor in Residence (PIR) works side by side with J. Harvey Rodgers teachers with the shared goal of improving educational outcomes for all learners, particularly those who have been traditionally underserved.

“The goal of the J. Harvey Rodgers PDS is a simple one: Working together, as one, to improve educational outcomes for Glassboro children,” explained College of Education Dean Monika Shealey. “It’s a win-win for all of us… and most especially, Glassboro’s children.”

Gina Heller, an Instructor from the Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Education Department of Rowan’s College of Education, will serve as the PIR at J. Harvey Rodgers. She will work in collaboration with J. Harvey Rodgers teachers on professional development and research activities supporting the priorities of the J. Harvey Rodgers School and the Glassboro School District.

In addition, Rowan undergraduate teacher candidates based at the school will benefit from the partnership.

The PDS Network promotes scholarship through local and national presentations and publications by Rowan faculty and PDS partner teachers and students.

Along with Glassboro’s J. Harvey Rodgers, Bowe, and Bullock Schools, the other members of Rowan’s PDS Network include Holly Glen Elementary School in Williamstown, Johnstone Elementary School in Vineland, and the Cherry Street, Quarter Mile Lane, and West Avenue Schools in Bridgeton.

For additional information regarding Rowan’s PDS Network:

https://academics.rowan.edu/education/ESP/pds/index.html