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## **Swinerton Completes Transformation of Byers Junior High School**

### ***Year-long renovation creates new DSST Middle School***

Denver, CO – July 30, 2014 –Swinerton Builders is wrapping up renovations to the historic Byers Junior High School, transforming the 93-year-old building into a new Denver School of Science and Technology Middle School, a charter school with a college preparatory focus, with an emphasis on developing core liberal arts skills in reading, writing, mathematics and science.

The Byers school, located at 150 South Pearl, has sat empty since 2004. It was constructed in 1921 on land owned by businessman and Rocky Mountain News founder William Byers. In 2011, DSST approached Denver Public Schools about opening a new middle school in the building.

Swinerton began interior demolition work in July 2013. Work on the historic exteriors included repairs to the masonry, glazed tiles and clay tile roofing, and improvements included new windows, a parking lot and landscaping.

Now the building houses modern classrooms and laboratories, a new gymnasium, cafeteria, lobby, atrium and study spaces, according to Swinerton Project Manager John Spight.

Geothermal heat pumps that use the natural properties of the earth provide sustainable technology to heat and cool the building through the use of 48 wells located 500 feet below the school's parking lot.

Eidos Architects designed the \$19-million project.

The Byers Re-Opening Ribbon-Cutting and Community Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> on the Byers Campus, 150 South Pearl Street from 4pm – 5pm. The event will be held in the plaza on the Cedar Street side of the Campus. Parking is available on site. For more information about the event call 720-423-2785.

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