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## **SDA and Keansburg School District Unveil 91 Year Old Time Capsule Discovered During Demolition of Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School**



**KEANSBURG, NJ** – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Gerald North, Superintendent of the Keansburg School District, and other district officials to unveil the contents of a time capsule found during the demolition of the former Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School. The time capsule was discovered, by chance, encased in the cornerstone of the building. Tricon Enterprises, Inc., the general contractor responsible for the demolition of the Caruso building, found the small metal box when the cornerstone, dated 1921, was removed from the building. Upon discovering the time capsule, Tricon Enterprises, Inc. carefully removed the time capsule from the cornerstone by hand with a chisel in order to preserve its contents.

“The contents of this time capsule will serve as a reminder to the students and the Keansburg community of the long history of the Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “We look forward to providing the Keansburg community with a new school building that will continue the traditions and path of excellence for their children.”

The time capsule included a variety of items. Among the items were six “one cent” coins dating back to the early 1800’s, a copy of *The Keansburg Beacon* dated December 15, 1921, a few photos and a program from the Dedication Ceremony in which the time capsule was placed in the cornerstone. The Keansburg School District intends to display the contents of the time capsule in the new school.

“We are sad to see the Caruso building come down,” said Superintendent North. “However we understand the demolition of the building is a positive step towards the construction of a new Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School improving our facilities and our student’s opportunities.”

The original 58,000 square-foot Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School is being demolished to provide a 3.15 acre site for a new facility. The construction of the new Caruso Elementary School will provide an additional 736 seats for students in grades kindergarten through fourth. The estimated advertisement date for this design-build project is the second quarter of 2013 with a projected completion date for the 2016-2017 school year. The Caruso Elementary School Project was selected for advancement as part of the SDA's 2012 Capital Portfolio announced by the Governor in March 2012.

Photos of the time capsule and its contents can be found below:



*Entire contents of time capsule*



*Copy of The Keansburg Beacon from December 15, 1921*



*Photos found in the time capsule*



*"One Cent" coin found in the time capsule*