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MWRD Vice President McGowan unveils new Leland Elementary schoolyard



After more than a year of community planning and several months of construction Leland Elementary School's brand new schoolyard was unveiled on October 25. Located at 512 S. Lavergne Ave., Chicago, the new grounds are part of a pilot initiative, Space to Grow: Greening Chicago Schoolyards, co-managed by Healthy Schools Campaign and Openlands and funded by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and the Chicago Dept. of Water Management. MWRD Vice President Barbara

McGowan, Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos, and Executive Director David St. Pierre participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"This schoolyard will help students, teachers and area residents understand the importance of stormwater management while making a wonderful place for the children to play," said Vice President McGowan. "The green infrastructure components at this school are important educational tools."

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.