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MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning's state-of-the-art elementary school dedication and ribbon cutting, Tuesday

FORT BENNING, Ga. The McBride Elementary School official dedication and ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m., Aug. 23, at McBride Elementary School on Custer Road.

The ceremony will dedicate the 119,000 square foot 21st century concept structure designed for 650 students. The guest speaker will be Tom Brady, director, Department of Defense Education Activity. His bio can be viewed at: http://www.dodea.edu/aboutDoDEA/Thomas_Brady.cfm.

Other special guests include Anne McBride Henderson, widow of Morris R. McBride, and Kirsten McBride Carpenter, daughter of Morris R. McBride.

For information about Morris R. Mc Bride go to <http://www.dodea.edu/McBrideES/about.cfm> or <http://www.usma57.org/MemorialArticles/McBride.htm>.

The new facility is a 21st century design concept, with eight education neighborhoods, each typically consisting of four learning studios that surround a shared learning hub. The facility cost approximately \$37 million to build. Each neighborhood has an area for staff collaboration, group learning, one-to-one learning, kitchen/discovery, student toilets and teacher storage space. Operable glass partition walls separate each learning studio from the learning hub and provide for flexible teaching and collaboration arrangements.

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The school is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver-certified facility with sustainable design strategies and enhancements for energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems. 21st century teaching tools such as demonstration solar panels and wind turbine that generate electricity, along with Energy Dashboard system for monitoring utility use, are incorporated into the building and campus site.

Media who wish to attend should call the Fort Benning Public Affairs Office to coordinate a media escort. The media pick up time will be 9 a.m. at the Benning Road gate.

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