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L-R: Wendy Nadel, YPIE; Phil Amicone, Mayor of Yonkers; Michelle Rios, YPIE College Advisor; Bernard Pierorazio, Superintendent of Schools; Ralph Vigliotto, Principal, Yonkers HS; Bernadette Dunne, president, Yonkers Board of Education; Matt Finkle, Related Affordable; Mark Carbone, Related Affordable; Mike Antonik, Related; T. Richard Fitzgerald, YPIE Board of Directors and; Tony Gallinari, YPIE Board of Directors.

## It's all Related when partners open a new school

In an example of a public-private partnership at work, Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) and the Yonkers Board of Education (YPS), cut the ribbon on a new College Center at Yonkers High School, an International Baccalaureate World School, in the Yonkers High School Library last week.

Funded by Related Companies, the College Center will serve the 1,020 students who attend Yonkers High School with the goal of enhancing the school district's efforts to increase the number of students who attend four year colleges, to expand students' college possibilities and serve as a hub within the school for students and their parents to come for college-related information and exploration.

Through an introduction made by Ellen Lynch, president

and CEO of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (IDA), YPIE formed a relationship with Related Companies and Related Affordable's senior vice president for Affordable Housing, Matt Finkle.

"Our chairman, Mayor Amicone, and the Yonkers IDA know that when business leaders consider where to locate their companies, a key consideration is the quality of local schools," said Lynch.

"A good public school system is a magnet for families and the businesses that hire them. For Matt Finkle and Related, supporting our public schools is consistent with their own mission to enhance the quality of life for people living in Riverview and other inner city developments. This project is a terrific way for Related to do just that and I was delighted

to help bring them and YPIE together."

After the fall completion of the rehabilitation of Riverview II, an affordable housing development Related acquired and revitalized on Riverdale Ave, Finkle got to work.

In addition to renovating an existing space at Yonkers HS, Related has made a three-year commitment to fund the College Center, which bears the company's name.

"Helping kids have a better life is a perfect way for us to give back to the city. The College Center will provide important information to students and families and will make it easier for them to navigate the road to college," said Finkle, who has since joined the YPIE's Board of Directors.