

New Bedford High School Launches Financial Services Lab

With representatives of the region's banking and workforce sectors looking on, school officials marked the opening today of New Bedford High School's state-of-the-art Financial Services Laboratory with a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the facility.

The NBHS Financial Services Laboratory is a major capital project supported by the school's award of a \$125,000 Massachusetts Workforce Skills Capital Grant earlier in 2019. The lab occupies newly renovated and conjoined classroom space situated in the heart of the school's central core, adjacent to the school store. The lab will serve as the hub for financial services education connected to the school's Academy of Finance.

Finance Lab equipment includes stock tickers, 4k touchscreen monitors, advanced computer systems, and two banks of soft seating to serve as collaboration stations.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson noted "this facility adds enormous capability to New Bedford High's Academy of Finance programs. Through it students will be introduced to the principles of finance, investment and international trade in a real world context."

"We are excited to officially open our finance lab today, and look forward to our students engaging in rich financial services projects", said Bernadette Coelho, NBHS Headmaster. "We are grateful for Governor Baker's support of our Workforce Skills Capital grant award that made this advanced technical learning environment possible."

“Our grant award was driven toward developing a laboratory that prepares students for success within the high priority labor growth area of financial services”, said Christopher Cummings Manager of CVTE. “Our new finance lab, which we intend to be the flagship training center for this industry, will help us maximize these career opportunities”, he added.