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New Middle School

The Hellenic American Academy in Lowell, Mass., opened new middle school classrooms on August 31 and celebrated the milestone in the school's 104-year history with a ribbon cutting.

The school previously educated students from Pre-K to sixth grade, with the seventh grade added this year. The eighth grade classes will begin in 2011.

The construction of the middle school classrooms was made possible with a \$280,000 Challenge Grant awarded to the academy by the **Stavros S. Niarchos**

Foundation. It was matched largely in part

from donations received from multi-millionaire and philanthropist **Ted Leonsis**

and community donations. A total of more than \$525,000 was raised for the project.

The academy is the oldest and longest operating Greek American Orthodox day school in the country.

Attending the ribbon cutting, above, are, from left, **Metropolitan Methodios,**

Ted Leonsis, **Vasili Tsamis** of the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation, Lowell City Mayor **James Milanazzo**, and **Stephen Themelis**, Academy Middle School trustee.

