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Governor Christie: Camden Is A City Near And Dear To My Heart

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Transcript:

Mayor Redd: Just last week the superintendent and I along with our board members welcomed back our students for the 2014-2015 academic year, and just seeing the faces of our youth, the faces of Camden's future, truly uplifted my spirit and reenergized my batteries, so if you thought I was working hard before, get ready, more to come. I can say without a doubt that spending time with our children is probably the most fulfilling responsibility or role of being Mayor and I know that the Governor shares that same connection. That's why we were proud to stand with the Governor when he announced this new, bold partnership and vision to improve the quality of education here in the city of Camden.

Superintendent Rouhanifard: Earlier today I met with a small group of parents who had a number of concerns they wanted to share with me. We were in the central office and they gave me this very kind of earnestly suspicious look of, what are your intentions? Like, what are you actually here to do? And I just said to them very simply, I want for the children of Camden the same opportunities in life that I was afforded.

Governor Christie: I'm happy to be back in Camden, and thank you Principal Dixon for having us here at the Catto School, and I had an opportunity to walk around the cafeteria and meet some of the kids and have a good conversation and then also go to a first grade class. They drew me pictures, which was great. It's great to see how each one of them thinks I actually look in the first grade, which was really good, and as Dana said this is a city that's near and dear to my heart. I believe in the people of this city and I believe in the leadership of this city and this county. What I tell people all the time when I talk about Camden is that unlike other places in our state this is a place that has truly come together to

welcome partnership, to welcome change that we all knew was necessary because in this city the interests of the children have really been placed first.

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