

Castle and Carper Announce \$200,000 for St. Michael's School and Nursery -- January 3, 2006

Wilmington, D.E. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle and Senator Tom Carper, along with Mayor Baker announced \$200,000 in funding today at St. Michael's School and Nursery, in addition to taking a tour of the newly completed renovations at the school. The money will be used to complete the Early School's campus and programming, which will help serve up to 35 percent more infants and preschoolers and 50 percent more children for kindergarten and summer camp.

"St. Michael's provides invaluable services for children in the Wilmington area, and the addition of this early education campus will help to increase the effectiveness of their institution. Through its roles as an orphanage, an adoption agency, and a babies' hospital, St. Michael's has been a leader in care for children in need and now I am extremely encouraged that the funding will make this organization better able to carry out the goals of the early childhood education program," Castle said.

Currently, St. Michael's is finishing a five-year project to expand their program, with the creation of the Early School campus. In addition to more space, the Early School will include a young children's library, supplemental curriculum rooms and a home and school resource and training center. St. Michael's was founded in 1890 and is one of the oldest early childhood education programs in the country.