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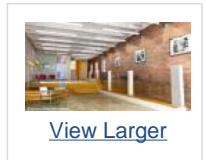
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## SED Center opens in Petworth

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D.C.'s development and construction community just finished a two-year endeavor to complete a \$3 million project in the Petworth neighborhood for a Hispanic nonprofit.

The Spanish Education Development Center, which recently moved into its newly constructed digs at 4110 Kansas Ave. NW, offers bilingual preschool and adult educational programs for low-income local residents and their families.



The group's lease at its former aging and cramped location in Adams Morgan was not going to be renewed for its annex.

The team that helped make the center a reality includes: Clark Construction, **Boston Properties**, **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman**, **Arnold and Porter**, Goulston and Storrs, DLA Piper, **Jones Lang LaSalle**, **CB Richard Ellis**, **Hickok Cole Architects** and **Washington Group** Sales, among others.

Its renovated 24,000-square-foot space — triple the size of its former center — was formerly a Hahn Shoes warehouse and features brick walls, steel beams and large glass garage doors that join the kids' classrooms.

Hickok Cole Architects' design team developed two palettes that were displayed at an SED event hosted by the Mexican Ambassador where guests picked their favorite colors. The winning color mix contains bold and vibrant orange and blue and greens balanced with softer earth tones.

Upgrades included new electrical service, plumbing and HVAC systems, custom carpet that resembles circles of sidewalk chalk and top-notch computer facilities.

The center is expected to be fully operational in its new spot next month.