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Councilmember Alexander Proudly Attends the WTEF Tennis Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 16, the Washington Tennis Education Foundation (WTEF) held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new tennis, education and community center. The new facility's location, which will be on the grounds of the Benning Stoddert Recreation Center, will allow neighborhood students to take part in the great programs offered by the foundation, in their own community.

"I firmly believe that a child's academic success positively correlates with involvement in sports and other extracurricular activities," said Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander. "This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and I'm glad that it's right here in Ward 7."

Many of the children in the surrounding neighborhoods were already participants at the current center in Northwest, DC. With extended after school and weekend hours, the new facility will be a safe haven for students during out-of-school time, where they will have increased access to mentors, computer labs and parent/child programs. The new center will provide additional structure and support all weekend, all winter and all day during the summer months.

The state-of-the-art facility will include six indoor and nine outdoor courts, including regulation and QuickStart courts with smaller dimensions. There will also be modern classrooms, a computer lab, community room, locker rooms and exercise room, as well as offices and staff space.

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