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New Jersey's oldest school receives green cleaning

NEWARK, NJ — **Planned Companies** is pleased to announce the success of its green cleaning initiative at the Lafayette Street School, according to *The Paramus Post*.

On January 26, approximately 30 Planned associates participated in a day-long rejuvenation project at the school: Using environmentally sensitive cleaning products, Rob Francis, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP), president and chief executive officer (CEO); Astrit Gorana, LEED AP, executive vice president of Building Services; and 28 other Planned Company associates "green cleaned" the school in an effort to give back and help a community that has provided the company with many opportunities, the article stated.

The volunteers divided into four teams of six and cleaned four floors of the school, which included classrooms, hallways and the auditorium, the article noted.

"We feel it is important to give something positive back both to the city that has supported us over the years and to the people of New Jersey who have facilitated the growth of our real estate service business for four generations," said Francis.

"We started as window cleaners and janitors in this great city of Newark and went on to build one of the largest janitorial, maintenance, security and concierge service organizations in the Northeast. Philanthropic endeavors like this have become part of our culture at Planned and we look forward to working on similar projects in the future. On behalf of Planned Companies, I'd like to thank everyone who was involved with this initiative as it truly makes a difference to the community," Francis added.