

Historic BD Clock Installed at Becton Regional HS

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One of the four original clock faces from the first BD headquarters has been installed at the Henry P. Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford, N.J. as part of a recent \$23 million school expansion project.

More than 80 people – including education officials, historians and BD executives – gathered outside the high school's new addition on October 26, 2014, to dedicate the new clock tower as a symbol of BD's connection to the community it called home until 1992.

"It does the Company great honor that you have put this BD and East Rutherford icon on the face of your school," said Vincent Forlenza, BD's Chairman, CEO and President. "BD founder Hank Becton would have been 100 years old this month. It is a wonderful way to honor his memory and the contributions of the Becton and the Dickinson families to the East Rutherford community, New Jersey and the world."



In remarks at the ceremony, Henry Becton, Jr., noted that clock towers have always been the soul of a community. "Our association with East Rutherford and this school, which is named after my father, has always meant a great deal to our family," he said. "We could not think of anything my father would have liked more than to have the BD clock installed in this beautiful building. Not only does it symbolize the community of people that Hank loved so much, but he believed strongly in high quality public education. Thank you for honoring him in this way."

Dr. Richard Evans, Principal Scientist, BD Medical Surgical Systems, and a member of the Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education for the past 25 years, was instrumental in the effort to secure the donation of the BD clock to the high school.

When the East Rutherford High School was destroyed by fire in 1971, BD donated the land on which the new high school now stands. The school was then named in Henry Becton, Sr.'s honor.

Two other clock faces are installed in BD's corporate headquarters in Franklin Lakes – one adorns the Becton Garage Stair Tower and a second is installed in a historical display area in the Howe Building.