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Bristol Gardens – A Work of Heart Continues at Central High School’s Greenhouse in Bristol in Time for Garden Club to Begin.

BRISTOL, CONN., (January 3, 2020) – The City of Bristol Department of Public Works (DPW) partnered with the Bristol Board of Education to bring the “Bristol Gardens – A Work of Heart” to Bristol Central High School last fall.

“The mission of “Bristol Gardens - A Work of Heart” is to encourage Bristol students to go outside and get their hands dirty by growing their very own garden each season,” stated Public Works Analyst, Lindsey Rivers.

The DPW team revitalized the greenhouse to give students in the Garden Club a place to grow seasonal plants and vegetables. Students began planting spring bulbs in December, and will be managed by the students and faculty throughout the winter months. Students will then have the opportunity to have a fundraiser in the spring using the tulips and daffodils they grow. “In addition, students in Biology class planted seeds that will be planted in the garden beds this coming spring,” stated Romina Italia, a Chemistry/Biology Teacher.

“The Department of Public Works team removed the overgrown invasive grass, added millings in to make it easier to walk around as well as to make the greenhouse wheelchair accessible,” said Corey Nagle, Science and AVID teacher.

Garden beds were also added for vegetable planting in the spring. The benches that were damaged and unusable were also replaced with new cedar ones. New gutters and a rain barrel were also added,” stated Bristol Central Principal, Peter Wininger.

See Photos attached of ribbon cutting & before and after photos

- **Before and After Greenhouse Inside**
- **Before and After Greenhouse Outside**
- **Garden Club Students planting the bulbs**
- **Ribbon cutting with garden club BOE staff and DPW Staff**

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