

## Bristol Mayor and City Officials Tour the New K-8 Schools



Greene-Hills K-8 School

*Pictured Left to Right:*

Mayor Art Ward, Tim Callahan, BOE Chairman Chris Wilson, Susan Kalt Moreau, Ellen Solek, BOF Chairman Rich Miecznikowski

As the first day of school approaches for Bristol Public School students on **Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>**, Mayor Art Ward and members of the City's Board of Finance and Board of Education are busy touring the new West Bristol and Greene-Hills K-8 schools. Both of the new schools are in the final phase of completion and will be ready for students and staff when school opens. Tim Callahan, the district's Building Project Manager, highlighted many of the new features in the schools including classroom smartboards, acoustic sound systems, regulation-size gyms with stages, unique glass, wood and tile finishes, and geo-thermal energy systems designed to provide the Board of Education with significant energy cost savings over time. Remarkably, even with many state of the art features included as part of the construction projects, both of the new K-8 schools are nearing completion significantly below the originally-projected cost. Mayor Ward commented that he is very pleased with the progress of both of the school building projects and noted that the new facilities will provide enhanced spaces for large community meetings and activities, as well as a safe and welcoming environment for students and staff. School dedications and community open houses for each of the new K-8 schools will be scheduled and held later this fall.