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### New video profiles cutting edge renovation Mergenthaler students inspired by Allied Health suite

*"I was shocked and excited. It just made me want to do more work and be a nurse."  
- Naja Claskins, Mergenthaler student*

Thanks to federal stimulus funding, Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School in Baltimore City received \$1.7 million to support its new allied health pathway. This program prepares students for employment and higher education opportunities in the growing medical industry. The city school district partnered with a local hospital to design a cutting edge health suite in a space that previously housed outdated industrial machinery.



Photo courtesy of Ana Castro, JRS Architect

Upgrades include surgical and pharmacy tech labs, an interactive classroom, computers, and other modern amenities that simulate professional settings. The short video, which is the latest installment of a series produced by the [Transform Baltimore campaign](#), captures the excitement around this renovation and the immediate impact on the Mergenthaler community.

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