Albany N.Y. – March 30, 2018 – The Capital Region Chamber Leadership Tech Valley (LTV) Class of 2018 will be partnering with Wildwood School to create a Field of Dreams to be used for physical education, health and social initiatives. The project involves the construction of a 90 x 60 ft. outdoor track and will be completed for use beginning Summer 2018. Wildwood students will have the opportunity to take part in physical education programs and electives offered by the school using the track and host a training area for Wildwood School’s Running Club.

The Leadership Tech Valley Class of 2018 will be partnering with Wildwood on all aspects of the project, which includes initial track design, project planning, event management, marketing and ribbon cutting. LTV Class members will work directly with Wildwood staff to ensure the project meets the organization’s needs. The LTV Class of 2018 will be fundraising and accepting in-kind donations from individuals and organizations. Donations can be submitted online at: [http://www.leadershiptechvalley.org/project/](http://www.leadershiptechvalley.org/project/)

An announcement was made to Wildwood School’s students on Wednesday during a visit from members of this year’s Leadership Tech Valley class. Wildwood CEO Mary Ann Allen expressed her excitement after the announcement. "The students and staff at Wildwood School are thrilled that the Leadership Tech Valley Class of 2018 has chosen to help us stay active and healthy in such a wonderful way. The ability to walk and run outdoors on our own track in a safe and beautiful location is an incredible gift to all of us, and we are deeply grateful."

"Once again, the LTV class has chosen a worthy project that will have a transformational effect on our community," said Mark Eagan, President and CEO of the Capital Region Chamber.

Leadership Tech Valley is "an initiative of the Capital Region Chamber and is a dynamic, interactive program that provides skill development and community immersion experiences that enable participants to grow personally and professionally as they explore issues and opportunities in the Capital Region. Participants in this year’s Leadership program developed an RFP process to solicit requests for their help as part of the program’s Group Project. Over a dozen area organizations submitted proposals.

Wildwood’s mission is to work collaboratively with the community and families to enable children and adults with neurological impairments, learning disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives.

For more than 50 years, Wildwood has worked collaboratively with individuals, families and the community. What began as a program for a handful of pre-school age children has grown into an organization that provides comprehensive supports and services to over 3,700 individuals and families each year.

Wildwood School, provides support for students between the ages of 5 to 21 with neurological impairments, complex learning disabilities, autism and other neurologically based developmental disorders. The school serves 220 students from 64 school districts within 13 counties of the Greater Capital Region, including the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga.