

## **MEDIA ACCESS CENTER**

The City of Dover's Media Access Center, located on the third floor of the McConnell Center, is the hub of operations for governmental and educational access television and information. In addition to Access Center's role in delivering broadcast programming to Channels 22 and 95, the Access Center is also home to School Board Chambers and additional City and School District meeting space, all of which is equipped with multimedia capabilities, including projection, sound systems, Smart Boards and internet access. School Board Chambers and an adjacent meeting room are both broadcast ready, allowing for live and live-to-tape meetings, presentations, training and special events.

The expanded programming and media capabilities produced at the Access Center aims to better communicate to the public how its government operates and facilitate transparency. In addition to Channels 22 and 95, the Media Access Center delivers information to the community by other means, including the City's website, e-mail newsletter the Dover Download and online video, DNTV Dover Video on Demand. The City and School District provide a steady stream of information to the Access Center, which is distributed to the community by broadcast, the internet and news outlets.

The meeting rooms at the Media Access Center are ideal venues for municipal meetings, but also serve the specialized needs of the City, School District and community groups and agencies. Among the special events held recently at the Media Access Center are Budget Revealed, Citizens Leadership Academy, the Energy Advisory Committee's Green Film Series, press conferences, and candidate forums.

The Media Access Center also serves as a community resource for students interested in television and film production. Students already meet at the Access Center to learn about production. The Media Access Center, which is already linked with City Hall for live City Council meetings, will also be connected to the eventual access center planned for Dover High School, creating new opportunities for students and governmental and educational access programming.