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SDA CELEBRATES EARTH DAY AT SUMMERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEPTUNE



TRENTON – As part of the Christie Administration’s weeklong Earth Day celebration, New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief of Staff Jason Ballard joined New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Director of Office of Permit Coordination and Review Scott Brubaker, Neptune School District Superintendent David Mooij, students and staff at Summerfield Elementary School.

Attendees were given a tour and learned about the many green features of the building from fourth and fifth grade Summerfield students who provided lessons to younger students. Students demonstrated how to make a self-watering plant utilizing empty water bottles, detailed the benefits of being able to use recycled rainwater, and showed off their student-planted gardens.

“The State succeeded in delivering a school building with numerous green features while using a Design-Build approach,” said Mr. Ballard. “It is wonderful to see students making good use of the building and incorporating science into their everyday activities.”

The Summerfield Elementary School, New Jersey’s first public school to receive United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, opened to students in 2006.

To view Governor Christie’s Earth Day proclamation, visit:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/images/edproc13.pdf>. For more information on Earth Day and Earth Week in New Jersey, visit www.earthdaynj.org.

