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Christie Administration Announces Start of Construction of the New Henry Street Elementary School in Passaic City

TRENTON, NJ – Resolute in its efforts to provide state-of-the-art schools for New Jersey’s school children, the Christie Administration today announced the start of construction of the new Henry Street Elementary School in Passaic City.

“We are pleased to advance another project into construction,” said Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Marc Larkins. “As this new school project begins, we continue to work with our partners in Passaic City to plan additional projects to address their facilities’ needs.”

The 115,000 square-foot facility, designed to educate 688 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades, will include a three-story academic and administrative wing that consists of classrooms as well as administrative spaces. The building also includes a two-story wing to provide community space and will house a cafetorium, a gymnasium, music and art rooms. The courtyard space created between the three-story wing and the two-story wing will be linked by an administrative and support core and dedicated to the range of student activities normally associated with elementary education.

A \$28,900,000 design-build contract was awarded to Dobco, Inc. for the construction of the Henry Street Elementary School. As the design-build contractor, Dobco, Inc. is responsible for design completion, construction administration and general contracting services for all trades for this project. The school is anticipated for occupancy in September 2015.

The SDA has invested more than \$141.7 million in completed projects in Passaic City alone, including four Capital projects, three emergent projects and 12 health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$577 million state share).

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