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Christie Administration Officials Joined By Paterson Students for Beam Signing Event for New Marshall Street Elementary School



PATERSON, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined Paterson students, Paterson Public Schools representatives and local officials for a beam signing ceremony to highlight the progress of construction for the new Marshall Street Elementary School.

The students, teachers and officials celebrated the ongoing construction of the new facility by signing a steel beam, forever leaving their mark on the new school. Immediately following the beam signing, everyone present watched as the steel beam was hoisted into place to become a permanent part of the new school.

“With significant school construction activity ongoing throughout the State, it is exciting to be back in Paterson to celebrate this milestone for the new Marshall Street Elementary School,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “Through the ongoing hard work of our construction partners, we are on schedule to have Paterson students in their new, state-of-the-art school in September 2016 and I look forward to celebrating that day with the Paterson community.”

The new 108,000 square-foot Marshall Street Elementary School is designed to educate approximately 650 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The facility will include 23 general classrooms, four kindergarten classrooms, specialized instruction classrooms and labs, a media center, a gymnasium, a cafetorium and a community room. The project also includes a pedestrian bridge over an adjacent NJ Transit railroad right of way in order to provide safe and convenient access for all attending students. Construction on the new Marshall Street Elementary School began in February 2014 and its completion is anticipated in time for the start of the September 2016 school year.

“It’s wonderful to see the progress on the construction of this much-needed elementary school,” said State District Superintendent, Donnie Evans, Ed.D. “Our community is anxiously awaiting the opening of this school along with the new School 16 and, once again, I thank the SDA for working with us to provide 21st Century learning facilities for the children of Paterson.”

Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc. was awarded a \$29.3 million contract for construction of the new school. The notice to proceed for construction of the Marshall Street Elementary School was issued following the completion of the project’s required constructability review. The construction manager is STV Construction, Inc. and the architect is DIGroup Architecture, LLC. The total estimated project costs are \$55.2 million.

The SDA has invested nearly \$290 million in completed projects in Paterson alone including six Capital projects and 53 health and safety/grants/emergent projects. The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio (more than \$1.5 billion), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$450 million state share).

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