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Christie Administration Announces Demolition Activities to Clear Site for Future James Madison Elementary School Number 10 in Garfield



GARFIELD, NJ – Committed to the advancement of capital projects around the state, Christie Administration officials were on hand to announce the start of demolition activities at a site in Garfield to make room for a new elementary school.

The new James Madison Elementary School Number 10 will replace the former school that will be demolished. The Phase 1 work will prepare the site for the future construction of a new approximately 50,000 square foot elementary school facility that will be designed to educate approximately 275 students from kindergarten through fifth grades. The school will be the third new building constructed by the SDA in Garfield.

“Demolition is the first step towards a new school for the Garfield community,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. “The State’s school construction program is positively impacting the overcrowding that exists in districts throughout the State, including Garfield.”

“Through everyone’s hard work, the students, administration, staff, Board of Education and community, the much needed facility will now provide the district some relief for its many un-housed students,” said Garfield School District Superintendent Nicholas L. Perrapato.

Tricon Enterprises, Inc. of Keyport was awarded a \$1,057,000 general construction contract to perform phase one work consisting of remediation, demolition of the existing structure and importation of clean fill to be placed, compacted and graded. All demolition and associated site work is expected to be completed by early 2015.

The SDA anticipates advertising for a general contractor to construct the school later this month. Following approval of a construction award, the initial phase of the award will begin with a required Constructability Review. The Constructability Review will provide the contractor with an opportunity to carefully review the contract documents (plans and specifications) to identify any issues which could impact the schedule or cost of completion, so that such issues can be resolved before commencement of construction. Following the conclusion of this review process and the SDA's agreement with its results, the contractor will be issued a separate notice-to-proceed to begin construction of the school. Construction on the new school is anticipated to begin by the end of 2015.

The SDA has invested nearly \$69 million in completed projects in Garfield alone since the inception of the school construction program. These include two new facilities – Garfield Early Childhood Center and Garfield Middle School – and 12 Health and Safety/Grant/Emergent Projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants.

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