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## **Christie Administration Celebrates Dedication of the New Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy**

ELIZABETH, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Elizabeth students, as well as state and local representatives last evening to mark the dedication of the new Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy, one of seven new or renovated facilities the SDA opened this month.

“This is a great day for the Elizabeth community and the Cicarell family,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The delivery of this state-of-the-art high school on time and on budget is an excellent example of the quality facilities delivered by the Schools Development Authority throughout the state. We are pleased that this new center for learning will serve to enhance the educational opportunities for the students of this nationally recognized school.”

The new High School is located in downtown Elizabeth across the street from City Hall. The 183,000 square-foot, four-story school was designed to educate nearly 1,280 students in grades nine through twelve. The school provides 35 general education classrooms, ten science labs, seven small group instruction classrooms, self-contained special education classrooms, an auditorium, a cafeteria with a full service kitchen, a gymnasium, an auxiliary gymnasium and a media center.

“The newly constructed Elizabeth High School – Frank J Cicarell Academy is a culmination of years of hard work and tremendous commitment to our community by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, the Elizabeth Board of Education, and members of central administration,” said Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer. “It is very fitting this outstanding facility, borne of such tireless effort and resolve, is named in honor of Mr. Cicarell, a man who was so passionately committed to the Elizabeth community during his more than 55 years of dedicated service at Elizabeth Public Schools. We look forward to every child achieving excellence at Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy for years to come.”

This school was constructed in two phases. The first phase of work was to prepare the project site for construction of the new high school. Patock Construction Company, Inc. of Tinton Falls, New Jersey received a Notice to Proceed with phase two work, the construction of the facility, in May 2013. The construction manager was GREYHAWK, North America LLC of Mount Laurel, New Jersey and the architect was Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Architects of New York.

The SDA has invested more than \$440 million in completed projects in Elizabeth including \$64.1 million for the new Elizabeth High School - Frank J. Cicarell Academy.

In 2016 alone, the SDA will open nine new or renovated school facilities in communities throughout the State. These projects provide nearly 8,500 new seats and represent a state investment of more than \$553

million. 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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