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Christie Administration Officials Celebrate School Addition and Renovation Progress with Beam Signing Event



NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined New Brunswick students and local officials for a “beam signing” ceremony to highlight the progress of construction on the addition and renovation project at the Paul Robeson Community Theme School for the Arts. The ceremony celebrated the ongoing construction of the school by signing the steel beam that will be hoisted into place as a permanent part of the new addition.

“Today’s event affords us an opportunity to celebrate the progress of this project with the New Brunswick community, especially with the students who will sign their names to a piece of steel that will support the educational infrastructure that will help them in their efforts to achieve success,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “Through the productive partnership we share with the New Brunswick School District, state and local officials and our construction partners, we are on schedule to have students in their much larger and almost-like-new building by September 2018.”

The 60,000 square-foot, 3-story addition will include a new multi-purpose room, 30 additional classrooms, four small instruction rooms, and two Basic Skills/ESL classrooms. The 59,400 square-foot existing school also is being renovated. This work includes the introduction of a fire sprinkler system and the renovation/rearrangement of spaces including the school’s food service area, media center,

