



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Building Schools, Building Communities, Building Opportunities

MESSAGE FROM CEO CHARLES B. MCKENNA



With the arrival of Spring, we are gearing up for a very busy period at the SDA. In this school year, so far, we have opened the Passaic Gifted and Talented Academy and the Elliott Street School in Newark, with a ceremony attended by the Governor. We have just completed the Oliver Street School in Newark and students will move into their new home there just after the Memorial Day holiday. Both Newark schools were delivered ahead of their projected school opening dates which were September of 2016. We have also awarded the contract to build the new Trenton Central High School to Terminal Construction and its design partner, Design Ideas Group Architecture + Planning, LLC.

As the summer heats up, so too will the work on seven projects nearing completion.

In September 2016, we will deliver two new high schools – Elizabeth Academic and Phillipsburg High. We will also deliver two new elementary schools in Paterson – the Dr. Hani Awadallah School and P.S. 16. In addition, the SDA recently purchased the former Paterson Catholic High School which will accommodate middle school students from the Don Bosco Technology Academy this September. This move will allow SDA to demolish the Don Bosco space which was initially acquired by the SDA to provide swing space for several school facility projects, and construct a new middle school in its place. We will also open P.S. 20 in Jersey City, Joseph C. Caruso School in Keansburg, Bridgeton Quarter-Mile Lane School and Buckshutem Road School additions. Finally, we currently expect the Gloucester Middle School will be completed before the end of the year. None of this gets done without the incredibly hard work of this entire Authority. September will be a great month for the SDA, but more importantly for the children and teachers who will occupy these new schools.

While we are busy building new schools, we are also diligently administering ROD grants all around the state so that those schools too can be first-rate places of learning. Since January 2010, the SDA has executed more than 2,260 grants which are providing \$757 million in state funding to local school districts. These funds, coupled with the local share funds, represent improvements totaling \$1.75 billion -- all benefitting school children all across the State.

Finally, as new projects are complete, new projects are added to our portfolio of work. Thus, work is beginning on schools in Harrison, Garfield, Perth Amboy, Elizabeth, Trenton, New Brunswick, Passaic and Vineland. We intend to keep busy.

UPDATE ON TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The SDA continues to move forward with the new Trenton Central High School.

In March 2016, the SDA Board of Directors approved a \$116 million design-build contract to Terminal Construction Corp.

A [notice to proceed](#) for the design phase was issued on April 7, 2016. The demolition of the former school was complete in January 2016 and the remaining site work was completed in April 2016.

Prior to demolition activities, the DIY network television show ‘*Salvage Dawgs*’ worked with the demolition contractor to film two episodes which recently aired and showed salvage activities at the school.



TCHS prior to demolition



TCHS after completion of demolition



‘Salvage Dawgs’ taping

SDA CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

Throughout the school construction process, SDA celebrated various project milestones with school districts and surrounding communities.

On December 3, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno joined SDA’s CEO Charles McKenna at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Halloran Elementary School in Elizabeth. The new 140,000- square-foot school, scheduled for September 2017 occupancy, is designed to educate approximately 890 students in second through eighth grades.

Governor Chris Christie joined CEO Charles McKenna on February 24 to mark the opening of the new Elliott Street Elementary School in Newark. The school, which replaces the previous structure that had been damaged in 2006 by a lightning strike and subsequent fire, was completed on budget and a semester ahead of schedule.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Halloran Elementary School



Ribbon cutting for the new Elliott Street Elementary School

SDA'S SWMBE CONTRACTOR TRAINING

Committed to ensuring the success of small businesses, the SDA once again offered a free Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SMWBE) Contractor Training Program, designed to provide firms with valuable knowledge and the tools to grow their businesses.

This year's program, which launched on March 22 in SDA's Trenton office, provided participants with six weeks of classes taught by SDA staff experts. The program graduation was held on May 3 and participants were given certificates upon completion.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about the SMWBE Contractor Training Program.



2016 SMWBE Contractor Training Presenters



2016 SMWBE Contractor Training Graduates

ROD GRANTS

The Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the ROD districts Statewide. These projects generally address health and safety issues, as well as other critical needs that will have a positive impact on student learning.

Since January 2010, the SDA has executed more than 2,260 grants providing \$757 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated to total \$1.75 billion. A list of executed ROD Grant projects can be found on the [SDA website](#).

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

In an effort to connect with communities on project related concerns, the SDA has begun hosting community meetings. These meetings are designed not only to inform community members on upcoming project activity, but also to provide them a forum for any questions they may have. Designed to provide full project detail as well as target any possible concerns that may arise, community meetings have proved to be an excellent way to keep all those who are impacted by a project informed as to its scope and schedule. Since December, SDA representatives attended community meetings in Garfield for the new James Madison Elementary School and Irvington for the new Madison Avenue Elementary School.

Recent Project Activity

Since December 2015, the SDA has advertised and/or awarded contracts for the following projects:

Recent Advertisements:

New Brunswick, Middlesex County - Paul Robeson Community School (CM Services Advertisement)

Newark, Essex County - South Street Elementary School (CM Services Advertisement)

Passaic, Passaic County - Leonard Place Elementary School (CM Services Advertisement)

Trenton, Mercer County - Trenton Central High School (CM Services Advertisement)

Perth Amboy, Middlesex County - Seaman Avenue Elementary School (Design-Build Advertisement)

Trenton, Mercer County – Hedgepeth-Williams School (Emergent Project)

Proposals Currently Under Review:

Vineland, Cumberland County – Vineland Middle School (CM Services)

West New York, Hudson County – Harry L. Bain PS #16 (Construction)

Recent Contract Awards:

Garfield, Bergen County – James Madison Elementary School (Construction Contract)

New Brunswick, Middlesex County – Paul Robeson Elementary School (Design-Build Contract)

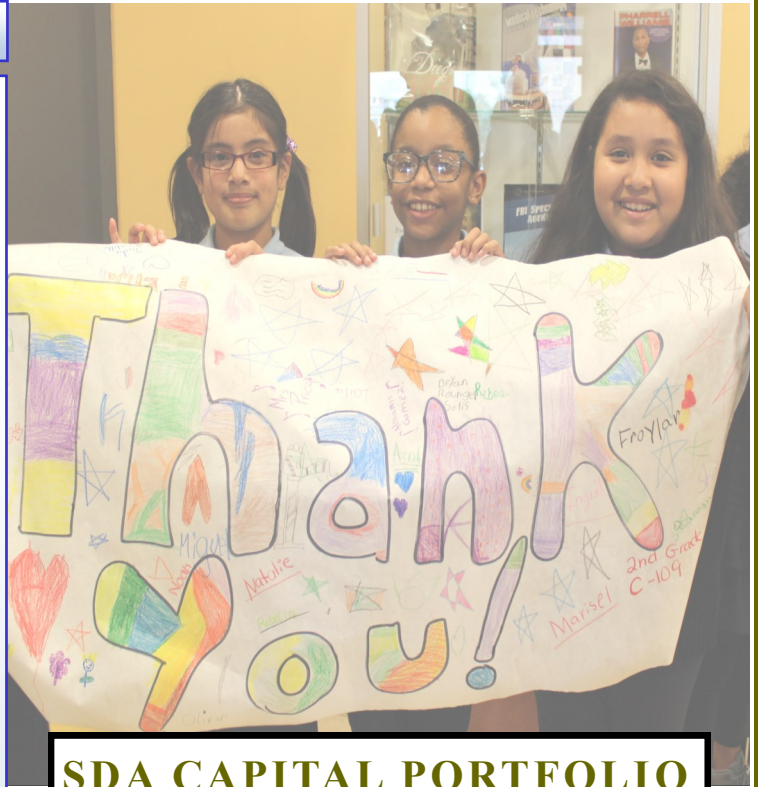
Passaic City, Passaic County– Leonard Plane Elementary School (Design-Build Contract)

Newark, Essex County– South Street Elementary School (Design-Build Contract)

Vineland, Cumberland County– New Middle School (Design-Build Contract)

Harrison, Hudson County– New Elementary School (Demolition and Early Site Preparation Activities)

Trenton, Mercer County– Trenton Central High School (Design-Build)



SDA CAPITAL PORTFOLIO

The SDA program continues to produce significant project activity. Of the 40 projects that have been approved as part of the SDA's Capital Portfolio, five have been completed and more than half of the remaining projects have initiated construction or design/build activities. Of the projects in the Capital Portfolio:

- 12** projects are in active building construction;
- 5** projects have initiated design-build activity;
- 1** project is in design-build procurement;
- 1** project is in construction procurement;
- 5** projects are in design development;
- 5** projects are in pre-design services phase
- 4** projects are in scope development.

For information on the current status of the Capital Portfolio, please click [here](#).

For more information please visit our website at www.njsda.gov or call 609.341.5900

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