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## **SDA, Egg Harbor City Educators Celebrate Opening of Community Middle School**

EGG HARBOR CITY - New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) and Egg Harbor City School District Board of Education officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony today to formally open the new Community Middle School, which will provide 21st century educational opportunities for 364 students in grades four through eight.

Students, parents, area officials and community leaders were on hand to celebrate the district's newest SDA-completed project. In addition to this project, the SDA completed the expanded, modernized Charles L. Spragg Elementary School in August 2009.

The new Community School replaces the Fanny D. Rittenberg Middle School which was originally built in 1923 as the Egg Harbor City High School. The Rittenberg Middle School property will become part of a city redevelopment project.

The new 61,954-square-foot middle school features 15 general classrooms, one full science lab, three special education classrooms, a cafetorium, separate music and art rooms, a technology lab, a gymnasium, a library/media center, district offices and a multipurpose playfield.

“Today marks the culmination of a great amount of hard work by many people to complete this project in order to better serve the public school students of Egg Harbor City,” said Egg Harbor City Superintendent John Gilly. “The community overwhelmingly voted to construct the new Egg Harbor City Community School in the December 2007 referendum, illustrating a continued value of education for the City's public school students. The children will benefit from a 21<sup>st</sup> century educational facility that has been sorely needed for years in Egg Harbor City. This school will complement and enhance the District's vision to continue to develop a cutting-edge educational program for its students.”

The project was designed by Vaughn Collaborative and built by Tamburro Brothers Construction Company. Greyhawk North America L.L.C. managed the project for the SDA.

The SDA is committed to ensuring that students statewide attend modern and efficient schools. The SDA's ongoing portfolio includes hundreds of grant projects in Regular Operating Districts, five new construction projects, one addition/renovation project and more than 100 emergent projects in SDA Districts.