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Message from CEO Marc Larkins



With the reforms put in place by Governor Christie, the days of over-promising and under-delivering are behind us. The SDA is moving forward with a new approach toward school construction. We are committed to advancing and completing projects in an efficient and timely matter.

SDA recently advanced work on multiple projects announced as part of the [SDA Capital Program](#). Construction activities have begun at the Caruso Elementary School in Keansburg, Memorial High School in West New York and Academic High School in Elizabeth. In addition, the SDA Board recently approved an award for the advancement of construction for the George L. Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch. In addition, the SDA is advancing work on identified emergent conditions and continues to execute grants in our Regular Operating Districts and vocational schools.

Our actions demonstrate a strong commitment to providing an efficient and thorough school construction program for the benefit of New Jersey's schoolchildren while ensuring accountability and transparency. I encourage you to view the SDA's most recent [Annual Report](#) and associated financial statements. We look forward to an ongoing partnership with our stakeholders to realize project savings as we improve the state's school facilities.

Governor Christie Announces 2012 Project Portfolio

On February 15, exactly one year to the day that Governor Christie announced a complete revamping of the SDA Capital Program, the 2012 Project Portfolio was announced in West New York. The announcement of this year's projects continues the comprehensive reform measures implemented by the Governor and the SDA to ensure responsible and sound fiscal management of the school construction program.



The 2012 Portfolio identifies and includes those school facilities projects that present high educational priority needs and those that represent serious

facility deficiencies. In total, the 2012 Portfolio reflects the SDA's ongoing commitment to the efficient and proper use of state funds, an objective prioritization of statewide educational needs and the advancement of sound design and construction principles.

Twenty projects were selected for advancement as part of the 2012 Portfolio. Projects set to advance were divided into three categories: 1) projects addressing high educational priority needs; 2) projects addressing high educational priority needs that require further discussion with the districts; and 3) projects that address serious facility deficiencies. To view the 2012 Project Portfolio, please click [here](#).

Marc Larkins Announces Revamped 2012 Emergent Project Program

With Governor Christie's support, on March 12, 2012, CEO Marc Larkins announced an initial 76 conditions in 68 schools within 21 school districts are ready for advancement as part of a complete overhaul of the Emergent Project program and review process. The 76 conditions can be viewed [here](#). The announcement, made on March 12, highlighted the Administration's recent commitment of an additional \$100 million for emergent projects that will support critical emergent projects in schools where they are most needed. The improved review process is fair, exhaustive, balances prioritization needs, and properly considers cost efficiency while ensuring New Jersey's students have safe learning environments.

The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA Districts with existing school buildings in need of repair and rehabilitation work. Prior to the Christie Administration, funds available for these projects were nearly exhausted and project review procedures were insufficient, making it difficult to prioritize critical projects in a smart and cost efficient manner.

Since 2010, more emergent projects have been completed under Governor Christie's tenure than during that of any other governor. In the past two years, SDA has substantially completed 31 SDA-managed emergent projects totaling over \$24.8 million. Another 17 emergent projects delegated to the districts through the grant process were substantially completed totaling over \$8.3 million. SDA started construction on 35 SDA-managed emergent projects and a total of 81 emergent conditions were addressed through the grant process and delegated to the districts for management.

Recent and Upcoming Capital Program Project Activity

The following projects were recently advertised:

- West New York – Demolition of the Warminster Building (part of the Harry L. Bain project)
- Paterson - PS #16 in Paterson demolition
- Jersey City – PS #20 Early Site Preparation

The following project was recently awarded:

- Camden – Morgan Village Middle School demolition

The following projects are expected to advance in Quarter 2 of 2012:

- Elizabeth – Academic High School Construction Phase 2 Advertisement
- Jersey City – E.S. 3 Early Site Preparation Advertisement
- New Brunswick – Redshaw E.S. Design-Build Advertisement
- Newark – Oliver Street Early Site Preparation Advertisement
- Newark – Elliott Street E.S. Early Site Preparation Advertisement
- Paterson – Marshall Street E.S. Early Site Preparation Advertisement
- Phillipsburg – High School Design

ROD Grant Program Update

The SDA continues to execute Regular Operating District (ROD) grants impacting hundreds of districts around the state. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs. CEO Marc Larkins recently visited Lanes Mill Elementary School in Brick Township to highlight 10 grants representing \$1.2 Million in state funding for the district. He spoke with a class of fourth grade students, who were very excited to learn of the energy efficient lights their school would be receiving due to the grant funding.



Since the resumption of the grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 818 grants providing over \$247.4 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$578.2 million as of April 30, 2012. This includes recent grant executions such as West-Windsor Plainsboro which received 37 grants totaling nearly \$3.9 million, Essex County Vocational which received a grant for more than \$1.2 million, Fort Lee which received 12 grants totaling \$5.8 million and Wildwood Crest which received a state grant totaling nearly \$569,000. For a full listing of ROD Grant projects, click [here](#).

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