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Christie Administration Officials Joined By Long Branch Students for Beam Signing Event



LONG BRANCH, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Marc Larkins joined Long Branch third grade students in a “beam signing” ceremony to highlight the progress of construction for the new George L. Catrambone Elementary School.

The students, teachers and officials celebrated the ongoing construction of the facility by signing a steel beam that will be hoisted into place as a permanent part of the new 109,000 square-foot facility that will educate approximately 800 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. Construction on the new facility began in September 2012 and its completion is anticipated in time for the start of the September 2014 school year.

“It is exciting to be back in Long Branch to celebrate this day with the students who will one day attend the new George L. Catrambone Elementary School,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “Construction is on schedule and today marks one step closer to the opening of this state of the art facility”

The new George L. Catrambone Elementary School is being constructed on the site of the former Elberon Elementary School which was demolished in 2009. The facility will include 41 classrooms, four special education classrooms, a cafetorium, stage, computer room, gymnasium, media center/library, art room and music room.

"I'm really excited about going into a brand new building with a bigger playground to play with my old and new friends," said Long Branch third grade student Ricardo Flores.

“The progress at the site is remarkable thanks to the Governor’s team including - SDA, Greyhawk (the construction management firm) and Terminal Construction (the contractor),” said Long Branch Superintendent Michael Salvatore. “Today marks another milestone that will move us closer to having children occupy those grounds in Elberon which have been silent of learning for almost 7 years.”

Terminal Construction Corp. of Wood Ridge, New Jersey is the general contractor, Becica Associates, LLC of Cherry Hill is the architect and Greyhawk North America LLC of Moorestown is the construction manager.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$577 million state share).

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