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Christie Administration Officials Joined By New Brunswick Students for Beam Signing Event



NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Marc Larkins joined New Brunswick third grade students in a “beam signing” ceremony to highlight the progress of construction for the new A. Chester Redshaw 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 135,000 square-foot facility that will educate approximately 900 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. Construction on the new facility began in March 2013 and its completion is anticipated in time for the start of the September 2014 school year.

“It is exciting to be back in New Brunswick to celebrate this project’s significant progress with the students who will soon have the opportunity to be educated in the new A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “Through the use of a design-build approach and the ongoing hard work of our construction partners, we are on schedule to have Redshaw students in their new, state-of-the-art educational facility in September 2014 and I look forward to celebrating that day with the New Brunswick community.”

The new A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School will include 46 classrooms, 12 classrooms for special education, basic skills and small group instruction, a cafeteria, a multipurpose room with stage, gymnasium, media center, art room and a music room. Hall Construction Company, Inc. anticipates completion of the new facility for the 2014-2015 school year.

“The construction of the new Redshaw School reminds me of a quote from the astronaut Neil Armstrong, whom we just learned about. He said "landing on the moon was one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." I say the new Redshaw School will be one small step and one giant leap into our future toward our education,” said New Brunswick third grade student Emily Reyes.

“This is a great day for New Brunswick as we see the vision for this project come to fruition,” said Richard Kaplan, New Brunswick Public Schools Superintendent.

Hall Construction Company, Inc. of Farmingdale, New Jersey is the design-build contractor responsible for the design and construction of the new school. As part of the design-build contract, Hall Construction Company, Inc. is collaborating with Paulus, Sokolowski & Sartor Engineering, PC of Warren, New Jersey to perform the design. Epic Management of Piscataway, New Jersey is the construction manager for the project. The total estimated project costs are \$51.2 million.

The SDA has invested more than \$228 million in completed projects in New Brunswick alone including three Capital projects and 13 health and safety/grant projects. 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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