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Christie Administration Announces Construction of \$6.5 Million Emergent Repair Project at Irvington High School



IRVINGTON – Continuing to deliver on Governor Christie's commitment to ensuring that all New Jersey students are educated in facilities that foster quality learning, New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined local and district officials to tour the recently started construction for an emergent repair project at the Irvington High School.

“I am pleased to see this project progress which will make this school water tight and replace existing HVAC units,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. “The funding provided by SDA’s emergent project program allows for important repair projects at schools throughout the state so that students can learn in facilities without concerns such as leaking roofs.”

A general construction contract of \$4,917,000 was awarded to The Bennett Company, Inc. of Passaic to perform a roof replacement and masonry repairs. The work also includes the replacement of roof top HVAC units and associated control systems for the Annex and Library. The project is designed by The Gibson Tarquini Group of Cherry Hill and is being managed by the SDA. The total estimated project cost is \$6.5 million.

“The Irvington Public Schools is truly grateful to the SDA for replacing the roof at Irvington High School,” said Irvington Superintendent Dr. Neely Hackett. “The new roof will allow our scholars to work in an environment that is conducive to learning; an environment that they can truly be proud to call home.”

The project is anticipated for completion by Spring 2016. Construction work will be phased throughout the school year to minimize any disruption to student learning. Originally built in 1924, the Irvington

High School is a 226,343 square foot facility that educates approximately 1,395 students in grades nine through 12.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary by the state Department of Education in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA District school facilities in need of repair and rehabilitation. Emergent projects address water infiltration issues and include the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, exterior masonry, heating and cooling systems, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems.

The SDA is also advancing the construction of a new Madison Avenue Elementary School as part of the Capital Portfolio. The SDA has invested more than \$105 million in completed projects in Irvington alone, including four capital projects (Mt. Vernon Avenue School, Augusta Elementary School, and two projects at University Six School), two emergent projects and 32 health and safety or grant projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at more than \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants.

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