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Schools Development Authority Celebrates Construction Progress of New Trenton Central High School with Beam Signing Event



Trenton, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined local elected officials, Trenton School District leaders, and students for a “beam signing” ceremony to highlight the progress of construction on the new Trenton Central High School.

“Today we celebrate the construction progress of the new Trenton Central High School that will benefit not only Trenton students, but the city as a whole,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The construction of a new high school is representative of the rebuilding effort happening around New Jersey’s capital city. Once complete, Trenton students will have access to a state-of-the-art school that will provide them with a high quality education they need to compete in today’s economy.”

The new Trenton Central High School will be a 374,000 square-foot school designed to educate 1,900 students in grades 10 through 12. The school will include five Small Learning Communities (SLC) and provide Career Technical Education programs related to Health Sciences, Culinary Arts, Construction, Physical Fitness, and Automotive Technology. Each SLC will consist of 10 classrooms, two science labs, one art/project lab, five specialized instructional areas, a learning resource center, and support areas. In addition, the school will include a gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, swimming pool, dance studio, fitness center, weight room, cafeteria, media center, auditorium, and two ROTC classrooms.

“On behalf of the Trenton School District Board of Education, Administration, Staff, Students, and Parents, I would like to extend our excitement over this beam signing event,” said Dr. Fredrick H. McDowell Jr., Superintendent of Trenton Public Schools. “We are excited about the progress to date on

our new state-of-the-art learning environment, and we look forward to the many educational opportunities that this high school will afford our students.”

The school is being built using a design-build approach. This method differs from the traditional approach in that SDA contracts with one firm for both the design and construction of a school facility project. Terminal Construction Corp. of Wood Ridge is the design-build contractor, working in partnership with Design Ideas Group Architecture + Planning, LLC of New Brunswick on the design. The project is being managed by Heery International, Inc. of Philadelphia. The school is anticipated for completion in 2019. The total estimated SDA project cost for the new school is \$155.4 million.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$210 million in completed projects in Trenton alone including seven capital projects (Columbus E.S., Joyce Kilmer E.S., MLK/Jefferson E.S., Gregory E.S., Mott E.S., PJ Hill E.S., and Parker E.S.) and one demonstration project (Daylight/Twilight Alternative High School). SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects, and Regular Operating District grants.

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