



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: John F. Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
June Progress Report

SCC MISSION STATEMENT

Create a brighter future for our children by renovating, building and funding cost-effective and efficient state-of-the-art community schools that support high quality learning environments to better prepare students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st Century in New Jersey and beyond.

Partner with communities and leaders in business, education and government to support our programs, policies and projects to create greater opportunities for our children, businesses and workforce.

Introduction

Program highlights in June included ribbon-cuttings in Neptune Township and Trenton for two major state-of-the-art school expansions by the SCC that will ease overcrowding while providing 21st century educational opportunities for present and future generations of students. Shark River Hills Elementary School in Neptune Township opened an \$8.2 million addition for 375 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade, while Trenton's Mott Elementary School opened a \$7 million expansion for 370 pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade students. Meanwhile, Paterson's P.A.N.T.H.E.R Academy honored its first graduating class in aerospace studies – with 98 percent of the 55 graduates college-bound. Also, East Orange held a kickoff ceremony to mark construction of the new Langston Hughes Elementary School. The SCC also executed 81 Section 15 grants that impacted 70 schools in 18 counties with 42 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These grants supported projects totaling more than \$278 million – with a state share totaling over \$91 million.

Since inception, SCC has committed support to over 2,700 school construction projects at nearly 1,800 schools, completing \$660 million in health and safety projects at over 350 urban schools. SCC is building early childhood education centers, launching school-based community revitalization efforts and strengthening the economy by creating employment and business opportunities for companies large and small.



Shark River Hills School Celebrates Grand Opening *SCC Funds \$8.2 Million Addition, Renovations in Neptune*

Students, parents, teachers and community leaders joined Neptune Township School District and New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation representatives June 3rd to celebrate the Grand Opening of an addition and renovations to Shark River Hills Elementary School. A dedication ceremony and ribbon-cutting was followed by Open House tours of the new facility, which is part of a major district-wide expansion program.

The SCC fully funded and managed the \$8.2 million project that added 9,685-square-foot of space to the existing 39,630-square-foot one-story school at 312 Brighton Avenue in Neptune Township. The addition enlarged the school to 29 classrooms to accommodate 375 students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Construction began in mid-January 2004. Last fall, students observed a construction milestone by signing a steel beam that was hoisted into place as a permanent part of Shark River Hills School. The project included eight new instructional areas, a gym and playground. Renovations included new ceilings and lighting, new classroom ventilators and air-conditioning.

This was the school's second expansion in three years. Health and Safety work also has been done, with upgrades to the fire alarm system, emergency lighting and exit signage.

Principal Dennis F. Thompson remarked, "Our new facilities assure us that future generations of students will make a successful transition from elementary to secondary schooling and to a more fulfilling life in our society. All this is happening because the State of New Jersey had the foresight and courage to invest in the lives of our children."

Other SCC projects in Neptune Township include: the newly opened Neptune Early Childhood Center (\$7.4 million) and Neptune High School Annex (\$5.5 million); current expansion of Neptune High School (\$47 million); and the ongoing construction of Neptune Community School (\$31 million.)



Ceremony Honors Commencement of Construction for New Langston Hughes Elementary School

A "Project Kick-Off" ceremony was held June 6th for construction of the new Langston Hughes Elementary School in East Orange. The 92,146-square-foot school for 515 pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students will replace the existing Langston Hughes School on an adjacent site. The new school is scheduled for completion in August 2006; the old school, which dates back to 1925, then will be used as swing space.

The ceremony was hosted by East Orange School District and New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation and attended by students, parents and community leaders. The \$20.5 million project is being fully funded and managed by the SCC. The architect for the new Langston Hughes Elementary School is NJ K-12, LLC. It is being built by VRH Construction under the supervision of Don Todd Associates, the project management firm. Work on the new school began March 5th.

It is designed to maximize energy efficiency and environmental sustainability under LEED, and telecommunications connectivity through the E-Rate Program. It will be a Community School, with gym, cafeteria, library, auditorium and computer lab on the first floor for access by local residents. Public access areas can be secured from the rest of the school building when necessary, and there are interior and exterior security cameras.



SCC, Trenton Educators Hold Ribbon-Cutting For Mott Elementary School Expansion

State Fully Funded, Managed \$7 Million Project

New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation representatives joined Trenton Public School District educators, students, city officials and community supporters June 14th in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new addition and renovations at Mott Elementary School. There also were tours of the newly expanded and renovated facility, which is part of a major district-wide school construction program

Mott School Student Council members led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the ceremony in a rear courtyard near new playground areas. In his remarks, Donald Moore, SCC Managing Director of Design and Construction, asked the audience to acknowledge the students with applause. “After all, they are what today is all about,” said Moore as he joined the students to cut a long blue ribbon using a pair of oversized ceremonial scissors.

Superintendent Dr. James Lytle noted, “I toured the project recently and think the SCC, the architects and the contractors did a great job working within the restrictions of the site. Mott will now become a K-8 school, much to the delight of the parents. That wouldn't have been possible without the addition. It really is a fantastic project.”

The expansion provides educational opportunities for 370 students from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade. The 15,624-square-foot, three-story addition includes a cafeteria with kitchen, media center, art, music and small instruction rooms, and upgraded playground equipment and parking areas. The project also renovated 14,312 square feet of space in the existing school building at 45 Stokely Avenue in Trenton. The SCC provided \$7 million in funding and managed construction of the expansion project in the city school district in Mercer County. Mott School is one of 7 current SCC projects in Trenton.

Paterson District Holds Ceremony For 1st Graduating Class At P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy



Family, friends and students gathered June 23rd to honor the first graduating class of P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy (Paterson and NASA Together for High Expectations and Results). The ceremony for the 55 graduates featured a keynote speech by Dr. Mark McDowell, a NASA Research Scientist/Inventor and a graduate from Eastside High School in Paterson. P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy, an SCC-funded project, was opened in September of 2004 and specializes in aerospace studies. Ninety-eight percent of the graduates will be attending college.

Construction Starts

The SCC awarded 7 construction packages in 6 districts during June for combined construction cost estimates totaling \$34,989,581. These awards involve 7 schools in Camden, Hoboken, Irvington, Long Branch, Phillipsburg and Union City districts.

As of June 30, 2005, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,409,365,523 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

The SCC advertised construction packages in June impacting 3 schools in Gloucester City and Jersey City districts. (Exhibit B)

Design Update

As of June 30, 2005, the SCC has entered into design contracts with a total value of \$366,871,604 and assumed additional architectural assignments worth \$102,023,419.

School District Grants

In June 2005, the SCC executed 81 Section 15 grants with 42 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 70 schools in 18 counties throughout the State. The total project costs for these grants are \$277,877,761, with a state share of that total worth \$91,252,402.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in June. They include Lenape Regional District in Burlington County, which will receive grants for 4 school projects costing a total of \$89,040,359 with a state share of \$32,180,755. Morris Hills Regional District in Morris County will receive grants for 2 school projects costing a total of \$55,890,00 with a state share of \$12,870,155. Toms River Regional District in Ocean County will receive \$7,933,800 in grants for 7 projects totaling \$19,834,500. Haddon Heights District in Camden County will receive \$7,401,070 in grants for 4 projects totaling \$20,970,377. Cherry Hill Township District in Camden County will receive \$6,289,895 in grants for 6 projects totaling \$15,724,739. Andover Regional District in Sussex County will receive \$2,701,221 in grants for 2 projects totaling \$8,221,003.

From its inception in 2002 through June 30, 2005, the SCC has executed 2,159 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. Total project costs amount to \$6,595,057,986, for which the state share totaled \$2,042,029,896. In 2005 alone, 132 districts in 21 counties have been earmarked for \$396,539,932 in direct property tax relief as the state share of project costs that totaled \$1,213,632,181.

Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government And Community Affairs

The Schools Construction Corporation Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to serve our target population. In others, it is working with our project management firms (PMF) and other internal SCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program. The Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs works to ensure diversity within its organizational framework, and we expect firms that do business with the SCC to also support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity we endeavor to communicate and promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects.



For further information about how you can participate in the SCC's efforts to build a better New Jersey, contact Kellie Drakeford, Managing Director of the Division, at (609) 292-1680, or visit our website at www.njscc.com.

Conferences/Presentations

- Pemberton Township BOE Advisory Board Meeting, 6/2/2005, Browns Mills
- Shark River Hills Elementary School Addition Dedication, 6/3/2005, Neptune
- Urban League of Hudson County Awards Dinner, 6/3/2005, Jersey City
- Langston Hughes Replacement School Project Kick-Off, 6/6/2005, East Orange
- Update on School Construction for the City of Newark, 6/7/2005, Newark
- ACE New Jersey Scholarship Breakfast, 6/9/2005, Newark
- Assembly Committee Budget Hearing, 6/13/2005, Trenton
- Community Meeting Update on Pyne Poynt Middle School, 6/13/2005, Trenton

Mott Elementary School Ribbon - Cutting, 6/14/2005, Trenton

Community Meeting Update on Dudley School, 6/16/2005, Camden

P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy Graduation Ceremony, 6/23/2005, Paterson

Trenton Abbott Facilities Advisory Board Public Meeting, 6/29/2005, Trenton

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Attachment

Construction Award Status Report

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>
Phillipsburg	New HS	New Construction. The contract is for site development and construction of athletic fields. Work includes all utilities, curbing, paving, sidewalks, grading, seeding, parking and fencing of this 100+ acre parcel.	\$7,485,980.00	6/2/2005
Hoboken	Calabro ES (renovations)	Provide and install cabling, telephone system, network electronics, servers and participate in the School & Libraries Division E-rate program, and as specified in the project manual.	\$326,526.00	6/3/2005
Irvington	University Six School	Provide and install cabling, telephone system, network electronics, servers and participate in the School & Libraries Division E-rate program, and as specified in the project manual.	\$637,500.00	6/3/2005
Long Branch	New HS	Provide and install network electronics, servers and participate in the Schools & Libraries Division E-Rate Program as specified in the project manual.	\$715,820.00	6/3/2005
Union City	Schlemm ECC New Elementary School 02 New Elementary School	Provide and install cabling, telephone system, network electronics, servers and participate in the School & Libraries Division E-rate program, and as specified in the project manual.	\$1,438,755.00	6/3/2005
Camden	Pyne Poynt Family ES	The installation of pile foundations for the expansion of the Pyne Poynt JHS. Scope of work will also include some site and selective building demolition and limited earthwork.	\$650,000.00	6/9/2005
Long Branch	Gregory School - replacement of existing Gregory ES	Construction of 94,000 sf ES.	\$23,735,000.00	6/9/2005

