



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: John F. Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation
May 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

In May, the SCC continued to further its mission with ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking events throughout the state. A major highlight was a groundbreaking ceremony for the first of six state Demonstration Projects – the Vineland Community School, a \$50 million state-of-the-art facility designed as the cornerstone of that city’s downtown revitalization. SCC also formally opened the Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School in Long Branch and broke ground for a three-school complex in at the Beth Israel Hospital site in Passaic, a new elementary school in Irvington and a high school expansion in Gloucester City. The SCC also executed 63 Section 15 grants that impacted 53 schools in 13 counties with 26 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These grants supported projects totaling more than \$183 million – with a state share totaling more than \$65 million.

In May, the SCC welcomed Al Koepp as the new Chairman of its Board of Directors, two new public Board members, Laurence M. Downes and R. Edwin Selover, and new Chief Financial Officer Peter Maricondo. The SCC also rapidly produced an implementation plan that addresses each of the Inspector General report’s concerns.

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.



New 3-School Campus to Rise at Beth Israel Hospital Site in Passaic

On May 4, 2005, Passaic School District officials gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony at Parker and Dayton Avenues in Passaic to mark the start of the new Dr. Robert H. Holster Educational Complex, which will be New Jersey's largest public school campus. The complex will be built on the 12.4-acre site of the former Passaic Beth Israel Hospital now undergoing demolition. It will ultimately include three 21st century, state-of-the-art educational facilities: an early childhood center as well as an elementary school and middle school that will have separate cafeterias but share a common kitchen. The middle school also will serve as a neighborhood facility that will provide educational and recreational programs for residents. The complex also will feature Board of Education offices, underground parking for 300 vehicles and a regulation-sized soccer field accessible to the schools and community at large.





Gloucester City Educators Celebrate Start Of New High School Expansion Project

Gloucester City School District celebrated a project kickoff May 5, 2005 for construction for an addition and major renovation of Gloucester City Junior-Senior High School as part of a district-wide expansion program. Students, parents, officials and community members were on hand for the ceremony.

The \$25 million project includes a 27,000-square-foot addition to the one-story high school on Market Street. It will accommodate an auxiliary gym, a media center accessible to students and the community, locker rooms, science labs, classrooms and other



instructional areas. In all, there will be 51 classrooms for 900 students. Work is being done in phases, including upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air-condition system, window replacement and restrooms. Also, replacement of the entire roof, doors, boiler, auditorium seating, electrical and fire alarm system upgrades, and asbestos abatement. The addition and renovation project is planned for completion in September 2006.

The high school project is part of an extensive upgrade of Gloucester City school facilities. Other work includes a new Early Childhood Center that opened last spring at Cold Springs Elementary School, and a new elementary/middle school. All districts schools have been renovated, including the Mary Ethel Costello Elementary School and Highland Park School of Success.



Groundbreaking for Irvington’s New Mount Vernon School

Representatives of Irvington School District welcomed students, teachers, parents and residents, as well as local and state officials, to the May 5, 2005 groundbreaking for the new Mount Vernon Elementary School. The 93,821-square-foot elementary school will be a multi-level 2 and 3 story facility with 31 classrooms, a media center, gymnasium and auditorium. The \$22 million project, funded entirely by the NJ Schools Construction Corporation, will accommodate 582 pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students.



Rendering of new Mount Vernon Elementary School



SCC, Long Branch Educators Cut Ribbon For New Anastasia School



Long Branch's young students will begin a lifetime of learning thanks to the ribbon-cutting May 11, 2005 for the new, state-of-the-art Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School. Students, teachers and community leaders joined representatives of the Long Branch School District, the City of Long Branch, and New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest addition to Long Branch's educational community. This \$22.6 million facility replaces its namesake, the former Amerigo A. Anastasia Elementary School, and will feature a community health

center designed to serve local residents. The school is approximately 94,000 square feet spanning 3 stories with 37 classrooms, a gymnasium, auditorium, kitchen, media center, and 6 small group instruction classrooms. The school provides educational opportunities for approximately 600 students. Designed by the architectural firm of Tomaino Tomaino Iamello & Associates and built by Fitzpatrick & Associates Inc., this is one of the first elementary schools to open in Long Branch in a number of years.



Vineland Breaks Ground For School Demonstration Project

The first of six state Demonstration Projects got under way May 21, 2005 with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Vineland Community School, a \$50 million state-of-the-art facility designed to be the cornerstone of revitalization efforts in the downtown area of this Cumberland County city.

The 126,000-square-foot Vineland Community School – being built on a 9.7-acre campus off Southeast Boulevard and Montrose Street – will include 46 classrooms to accommodate over 830 pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students. The school also will feature community, health and social services, adult education and recreational facilities. The school project is targeted for completion by January 2007.



The 90-minute groundbreaking event was attended by students and educators of the Vineland School District, local and state officials, representatives of the SCC and the project co-developers Tri-County Community Action Partnership, Cumberland Empowerment Zone Corporation and Joseph Jingoli & Son. The five other Demonstration Projects on tap are for Camden, Trenton, New Brunswick, East Orange and Union City. New Jersey's six Demonstration



Projects, approved last June, are designed as community development initiatives, with schools serving as a community anchor. State and city agencies work cooperatively to provide children with safe, modern classrooms while maximizing urban renewal efforts. Community design features – such as athletic venues, auditoriums, media centers accessible to students and residents alike – are key components of the program. The demonstration projects serve as a catalyst for private investment to revitalize urban communities with new housing and retail opportunities.

SCC funds school construction components of the demonstration projects. The project team members are put together by the city, and all projects are subject to intense public input and planning by the school district, community and municipal representatives. A city-named redevelopment authority manages the demonstration project and enters into an



agreement with a redeveloper – typically from the private sector – that is responsible for completing the project. Any contractors hired for the construction project are selected on a competitive basis. Throughout the process, SCC reviews all costs before any work is authorized and monitors the project to its completion.

Construction Starts

The SCC awarded 6 construction packages in 5 districts during the month of May for combined construction cost estimates totaling \$4,741,200. These awards involve 12 schools in districts including: East Orange, Garfield, Jersey City, Newark and Plainfield.

As of May 31, 2005, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,370,319,449 since the inception of the program.

Design update

As of May 31, 2005, the SCC has entered into design contracts with a total value of \$365,684,623 and assumed additional architectural assignments worth \$101,764,874.

School District Grants

In May 2005, the SCC executed 63 Section 15 grants with 26 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 53 schools in 13 counties throughout the State. The total project costs for these grants are \$182,961,282, with a state share of that total worth \$65,070,061.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in May. They include Collingswood Borough in Camden County, which will receive grants for 7 school projects costing a total of \$33,858,358 with a state share of \$13,681,572. Haddonfield in Camden County will receive grants for 8 school projects costing a total of \$13,688,249 with a state share of \$4,707,694. Hanover Park Regional High School District in Morris County will receive \$14,496,268 in grants for 2 projects totaling \$46,210,352. Cresskill in Bergen County will receive \$10,621,937 in grants for 3 projects totaling \$31,005,310. Hopewell Valley Regional in Mercer County will receive \$4,060,996 in grants for 5 projects totaling \$13,965,031. Delanco in Burlington County will receive \$3,439,215 in grants for 2 projects totaling \$10,200,784.

From its inception in 2002 through of May 31, 2005, the SCC has executed 2,075 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 \$6,328,067,750, for which the state share totaled \$1,957,271,823. In 2005 alone, 103 districts in 21 counties have been earmarked for \$305,193,505 in direct property tax relief as the state share of project costs that totaled \$935,485,865.

Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government And Community Affairs

SCC Surety Bonding Program

New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC), through its Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs, has implemented several successful programs to help small, women-owned and minority-owned businesses take part in school construction projects across the state. One of the Office of Diversity's most successful programs is its Surety Bonding & Working Capital Assistance Program, which provides the working capital small firms need to bid on state projects. Cumulatively, SCC has confirmed bonding of over \$15 million to qualified New Jersey contractors, helping these companies get out of the starting block and on their way to success. "We've had great success thus far," said Ellen Neyland, whose company, Surety Bond Associates, helps prepare companies to obtain the bonding and capital they need to bid on SCC projects. For more program information contact Ms. Neyland at (215) 763-5815

The Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs is dedicated to increasing availability and accessibility of school construction opportunities for small, women- and minority-owned businesses and individuals in New Jersey. For further information about how you can participate in the SCC's efforts to build a better New Jersey, contact Kellie Drakeford, Director of the Division, at (609) 292-1680

Conferences/Presentations

Facilities Conference for Abbott Preschool Providers, 5/3-4/2005, East Windsor

Information Session Presentation on New Elizabeth Performing & Visual Arts High School, 5/4/2005, Elizabeth

Gloucester City High School Addition Kick-Off, 5/5/2005, Gloucester City

NJ Alliance for Action, 5/9/2005, Edison

4th Annual School to Career Corporate & Community Partnership Breakfast, 5/10/2005, Newark

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Amerigo Anastasia School, 5/11/2005, Long Branch

7th Annual Kids in Concert, 5/12/2005, New Brunswick

NY Building Congress, 5/18/2005, New York City

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Southern NJ Development Council Construction Forecast, 5/20/2005, Mount
Laurel

Orange Planning Board Meeting, 5/25/2005, Orange

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Attachments

Construction Award Status Report

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>
Newark	New Science Park HS	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.	\$598,542.00	5/2/2005
Garfield	New Middle School James Madison School #10 (Most Holy Name School)	Provide and install network electronics, servers and participate in the Schools & Libraries Division E-Rate Program as specified in the project manual.	\$107,224.00	5/12/2005
Plainfield	Clinton ES Emerson ES	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.	\$279,512.00	5/12/2005
Jersey City	New PS3 ES New 4 MS ES #24 Replacement School #20 PS #14	This E-rate package will require all E-rate cabling and Equipment fundable under this SLD program. Includes all additional services specified in the project manual to support the E-rate Program and to coordinate construction.	\$1,883,177.00	5/16/2005
Newark	New 550 ES replace existing - (100K SF) (1st Ave replacement) Central HS Replacement Speedway Ave. Replacement Park ES (formerly New Ridge/Elliot - MS (-x10) West Side HS	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.	\$1,387,834.00	5/17/2005
East Orange	Fourth Avenue ES	Ceiling Repair "Emergent"	\$231,000.00	5/31/2005