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SDA, Orange Educators Celebrate Opening Of Lincoln Avenue Elementary School Expansion

ORANGE – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) and Orange Board of Education officials held a ribbon-cutting today to formally open the expanded and modernized Lincoln Avenue Elementary School. The facility will provide 21st century educational opportunities for 645 students in kindergarten through 8th grades.

Students, parents, municipal and area officials and community leaders were on hand for this morning's ceremony at the school.

The original Lincoln Avenue Elementary School was built in 1892 – the year before Thomas Edison opened the first motion-picture studio in Menlo Park, N.J. – and expanded in 1906. The SDA project unveiled today involved the renovation of the existing 81,856-square-foot elementary school and construction of a 48,174-square-foot two-story addition, increasing the available space by nearly 60 percent.

Lincoln Avenue Elementary School now consists of 27 general-education classrooms, four special-education classrooms, seven small-instruction rooms and two computer labs, as well as rooms for speech, family consumer science, world language, science, art, and instrumental and choral music. The addition includes a cafeteria, gymnasium/auditorium and media center.

Superintendent Ronald Lee said: "On behalf of the City of Orange Township, we are excited to open this new state-of-the-art facility. The newly expanded and renovated Lincoln Avenue Elementary School presents us with many opportunities to provide new and expanded programs for our students and the community with an expansive library/media center, fully equipped science labs, music and dance facilities, and high-tech classroom space. This new school facility will assist Orange in truly preparing our students for the demands of the 21st century."

The Lincoln School project was designed by Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC, and built by Hall Building Corporation.

Lincoln Avenue Elementary School opened its doors to students on September 7. Today's event marked the third major school project that the SDA has completed in Orange. The new Main Street Elementary School opened in 2004 and the expanded and renovated Park Avenue Elementary School opened in 2009.

Since its inception, the school construction program has completed 623 projects in SDA Districts. In addition to 55 new schools, it has provided funding for 46 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations; six demonstration projects and more than 500 other projects. Also, it has completed 25 projects in Regular Operating Districts: seven new schools and 18 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations.