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## Christie Administration Breaks Ground for New Elementary School Number 3 in Jersey City



JERSEY CITY, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined state and local officials, and Jersey City School District leaders today to break ground for the new Elementary School Number 3.

“The start of the E.S. #3 project we are celebrating today exemplifies the significant commitment the Christie Administration has made to the students of Jersey City,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. “Along with Public School Number 20, which is also in construction in the city, nearly 1,400 students will benefit from new, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments that will aid the district in providing quality educational opportunities.”

The new 123,000 square-foot E.S. #3 school facility will be designed to educate approximately 770 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. The school will include 30 general education classrooms, 10 pre-kindergarten classrooms, four self-contained special education classrooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium, assembly/multi-purpose room and media center.

“Jersey City is the one of the fastest growing urban school districts in the state, with an expected 25 percent increase in students by 2017,” said Jersey City Mayor Steven M. Fulop. “More and more families are choosing Jersey City as their home and are seeking quality, public education options for their children. We are pleased that this site will now be a place for the education and advancement of our students, including 10 much-needed pre-k classrooms for the fastest growing segment of our school population.”

“We are thrilled that this important project is underway,” said Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Jersey City Superintendent. “This school will be an important part of an educational complex that will serve a growing, thriving community.”

Dobco, Inc. of Wayne, New Jersey was awarded a \$33.5 million Design-Build contract for design and construction of the new school. The Design-Build method differs from the traditional approach by allowing for some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently through phased advancement. As part of the design-build contract, Dobco, Inc. is working with RSC Architects of Hackensack on the design. Epic Management, Inc. of Piscataway is the construction manager for the project and total estimated project costs are \$54 million. The school is anticipated for student occupancy in September 2016.

Early site preparation work was completed in 2013. This site work consisted of clearing the site along with removal of sub-surface footings and foundations, slabs and unsuitable soils, and Underground Storage Tanks (USTs). Also, preconstruction work included the importation of clean fill that was placed, compacted and graded.

The SDA is also currently constructing the Public School Number 20 in Jersey City. The SDA has invested approximately \$276 million in completed projects in Jersey alone including 16 Capital projects and 40 health and safety/grant/emergent projects.

The 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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