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Christie Administration Officials Celebrate Construction Progress of New School with Beam Signing Event in Keansburg



KEANSBURG, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined Keansburg students, local officials and Keansburg School District officials for a “beam signing” ceremony to highlight the construction progress of the new Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School. Those present celebrated the ongoing construction of the new school by signing a steel beam, which will later be hoisted into place as a permanent part of the new school, forever leaving their mark upon the facility.

“Just a few months ago, we were in Keansburg to break ground for this project,” said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. “As this new school continues to take shape and this signed beam becomes a permanent part of the structure, we are reaffirming this Administration’s commitment to providing the students of Keansburg with a state of the art facility.”

The new Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School is being built on the site where the former 58,000 square-foot school stood. The new 122,000 square-foot school is designed to educate approximately 750 students in kindergarten through fourth grades. The facility will include 28 general use classrooms, eight kindergarten classrooms, self-contained special education classrooms, a media center, a gymnasium and a cafeteria. This facility will be the first new school in Keansburg built by the SDA.

"The reality of the new Caruso Elementary School rising up fuels the hopes and dreams of all future generations in the Keansburg School District. It is with great excitement and anticipation that we look forward to our students having a 21st century facility to initiate their educational journey," said Keansburg Superintendent Gerald North.

The Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School is being built utilizing the design-build method. Hall Construction Company, Inc. of Howell, New Jersey, the design-build contractor, is working in partnership with Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC of Warren, New Jersey on the design. The project is being managed by Joseph Jingoli & Sons of Lawrenceville, New Jersey. The \$50.9 million school is anticipated for student occupancy in September 2016.

The SDA previously invested \$6.7 million in completed projects in Keansburg for 10 health and safety and 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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