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Christie Administration Joined By Gloucester City Students and Officials to Highlight the Construction Progress of the New Gloucester Middle School Project
Students and Officials Sign Steel Beams That Will Become Part of the New School



GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ – New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna joined Gloucester City students, legislators, local officials, and School District leaders at a beam signing ceremony to highlight the progress of construction for the new Gloucester City Middle School. Those present celebrated the ongoing construction of the new facility by signing two steel beams, forever leaving their mark on the new school. The steel beams will later be placed in the school.

“As we stand here today signing some of the last pieces of steel that will support this new school, I am pleased to know that this long awaited project has come to fruition,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “Thanks to the support provided by the Christie Administration, Gloucester City and communities throughout the state are gaining quality educational facilities that will benefit students for many generations.”

The new 122,000 square-foot Gloucester City Middle School is designed to educate approximately 685 students from fourth through eighth grades. The school will include 27 general education classrooms, eight special education classrooms, three science classrooms, small group instruction rooms, a cafetorium, a gymnasium, music and art rooms, a computer lab and a media center. It will also include outdoor recreational spaces such as a track, fields and basketball court.

“The Beam Signing Ceremony gives the members of this building’s partnership the opportunity to reflect on the gift that we have been given,” said Gloucester City Superintendent Joseph Rafferty. “That gift is being able to build a school and school environment that will give students an educational foundation to build a future of academic success. The beam that we sign today will be placed in the new middle school to provide support and strength. With the rivets and bolts that hold the beam in place also go all the compassion, hope, hard work and determination of the partners that the children who attend this new middle school will serve and thrive academically and safely for many years to come.”

Terminal Construction Corporation of Wood Ridge, New Jersey was awarded a \$40 million contract for design and construction of the new school which is being built utilizing a Design-Build approach. As part of the design-build contract, Terminal Construction Corporation is working with Manders Merighi Portadin Farrell Architects, LLC of Vineland on the design. GREYHAWK North America, LLC is the construction manager for the project. The total estimated project costs are \$63.9 million. The school is anticipated for student occupancy in September 2017.

The SDA previously has invested \$53.6 million in completed projects in Gloucester City, including two Capital Projects and 11 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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