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\$55.3 Million School Will Welcome 890 Students in September 2017

Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today joined New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Charles B. McKenna for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Elizabeth Elementary School, which is anticipated to open in September 2017.

“Today is about keeping our promise to students and families here in Elizabeth – a promise to provide every child with the best possible learning opportunities and the best possible opportunities to succeed,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “We are investing in communities throughout the State with a dozen projects currently under construction as of this past June. These projects represent a State investment of \$705 million for first rate, state-of-the-art education facilities. And there are many more to come in the next few years. We are getting it done, one brick at a time.”

The new 140,000-square-foot school is designed to educate approximately 890 students in second through eighth grades. The school will include 34 general education classrooms, three special education classrooms, six science demonstration rooms and labs, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, a multi-purpose room with stage, a media center, and administrative offices.

“The construction of this new elementary school will help the school district to provide the type of schools needed to prepare students for success,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “With the start of this project, the SDA now has 13 schools in construction, continuing this Administration’s goal to make a positive impact on the quality of school facilities across the state.”

The SDA is committed to efficiently advancing school construction projects through the use of sound design and construction principles. 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.

For more information about the Schools Development Authority, see: <https://www.njsda.gov/njsda/>

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