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**Schools Development Authority Marks Opening of New Dr. Maya Angelou  
Elementary School #20 in Jersey City**  
*School is One of Seven New or Renovated Facilities Opening This September*



**JERSEY CITY, NJ** – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) celebrated the Jersey City School District's first day of school at the opening of the new Dr. Maya Angelou Elementary School #20, one of seven new or renovated facilities the SDA is opening this week.

“The SDA is pleased to deliver this new, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment to current and future students of Jersey City,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The Dr. Maya Angelou Elementary School, together with the Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School which is currently in construction, will provide the children of Jersey City with two state -of-the-art educational facilities.”

The new Dr. Maya Angelou Elementary School #20 is a 108,800 square-foot school that provides seats for approximately 700 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. The facility includes 30 general use classrooms, four self-contained special education classrooms, a technology lab, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room with stage and a media center.

The SDA has invested \$329.4 million in completed projects in Jersey City, including \$49.3 million for the new Dr. Maya Angelou Elementary School #20. Dobco, Inc. of Wayne, New Jersey was the contractor. The architect was SSP Architectural Group of Bridgewater, New Jersey. The project was

managed by Gilbane Building Company of New Brunswick, New Jersey. The SDA is also constructing the Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School in Jersey City.

In 2016 alone, the SDA will open nine new or renovated school facilities in communities throughout the State. These projects provide nearly 8,500 new seats and represent a state investment of more than \$553 million.

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