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## Governor Christie Continues Investment In The City Of Trenton

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### *Breaks Ground for New State-of-the-Art Trenton Central High School*

**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie today joined New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Charles McKenna, local elected officials, Trenton School District leaders and students to officially break ground for the new Trenton Central High School.

The construction of the school, along with this week's announcement of the first comprehensive restoration of the Executive State House in 60 years and a plan announced earlier this fall to attract more private investment by reducing the footprint of State Office buildings in downtown Trenton are part of Governor Christie's strategy to spur economic development and private investment in the Capital City.

"We are fully committed to the revitalization of the City of Trenton and that starts with properly equipping its students with the highest quality education that encourages academic excellence and provides them with the resources they need to succeed," said Governor Chris Christie. "The construction of a new High School for our Capital City furthers our efforts to leave Trenton better than when we arrived and honors the pride felt by countless Trenton alumni and community residents."

The new Trenton Central High School will be a 374,000 square-foot school designed to educate 1,900 students in grades 10 through 12. The school will include five Small Learning Communities (SLC) and provide Career Technical Education programs related to Health Sciences, Culinary Arts, Construction, Physical Fitness and Automotive Technology. Each SLC will consist of 10 classrooms, two science labs, one art/project lab, five specialized instructional areas, a learning resource center and support areas. In addition, the school will include a gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, swimming pool, dance studio, fitness center, weight room, cafeteria, media center, auditorium and two ROTC classrooms.

"It has been a long journey and the prospect of a new high school is extremely exciting," said Interim Superintendent Lucy Fera. "The staff and students of Trenton deserve nothing less than the very best learning facility. This collective and collaborative effort involved state and elected officials, board and union leadership, district staff, students and families. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to the ribbon cutting for the new Trenton Central High School."

Terminal Construction Corp. was awarded a \$116 million design-build contract. As part of its design-build engagement, Terminal Construction Corp. is working with Design Ideas Group Architecture + Planning, LLC on the design of the school. Heery International, Inc. is the Construction Manager. It is anticipated construction will be completed and the school will open in September 2019. The total estimated SDA project cost for the new school is \$155.4 million.

Governor Christie's commitment to Trenton's revitalization also includes Tuesday's announcement of a \$300 million comprehensive restoration of the Executive portion of the State House, which will include exterior and interior renovation and restoration, complete new building infrastructure, curing code and ADA violations, and temporary relocation costs.

In addition, a plan was announced this past September to demolish the Health and Agriculture and Taxation state office buildings, relocate those offices, and consolidate office space to pave the way for new private investment with the goal of creating a vibrant downtown scene. The project will include the construction of a new, seven story, 175,000-square-foot building on the northwest corner of John Fitch Way and South Warren Street to house Taxation, and, the construction of a new, five story, 135,000-square-foot building on the southwest corner of North Willow and West Hanover Streets to house Agriculture and Health.

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To date, the SDA has invested more than \$210 million in completed projects in Trenton alone including seven capital projects (Columbus E.S., Joyce Kilmer E.S., MLK/Jefferson E.S., Gregory E.S., Mott E.S., PJ Hill E.S., Parker E.S.) and one demonstration project (Daylight/Twilight Alternative High School). Its 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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