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Schools Development Authority Celebrates Dedication of the New William F. Halloran School No. 22 in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Elizabeth students, as well as state and local representatives last evening to mark the dedication of the new William F. Halloran School No. 22, one of five new or renovated facilities the SDA opened this year.

“This is a great day for Elizabeth as we celebrate the dedication of another new facility that significantly addresses the needs in this community,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The opening of this school is an example of the quality facility that SDA delivers using design standards and construction practices that encourage quality and durability. The William F. Halloran Elementary School No. 22 is a state-of-the-art school equipped with the facilities and technology to help generations of students learn and succeed.”

The 140,000-square-foot, four-story school was designed to educate 880 students in grades two through eight. The school provides 34 general education classrooms, six science labs, small group instruction classrooms, a multi-purpose room with stage, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a computer lab, a dance studio, music rooms, and a media center.

“On behalf of Elizabeth Public Schools, I thank Charles McKenna and the members of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority for being such wonderful partners in bringing new school facilities to the Elizabeth community,” said Olga Hugelmeyer, Superintendent of Elizabeth Public Schools. “Providing our students with new and modernized school buildings and the latest educational technology enhances our ability to meet our goals of college preparedness, career readiness, and on-time graduation for every child.”

The school was built using the design-build method. The SDA continues to utilize a design-build approach for the construction of many new facilities. This method differs from the traditional approach by allowing the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project.

The SDA has invested nearly \$500 million in completed projects in Elizabeth, including \$55.3 million for the new William F. Halloran Elementary School No. 22. Torcon, Inc. was the design-build contractor working in partnership with USA Architects on the design. Epic Management, Inc. managed the project.

In 2017 alone, the SDA opened five new or renovated school facilities in communities throughout the State representing a state investment of more than \$230 million. These projects provide more than 3,100 new seats and impact nearly 4,200 students overall. 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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