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## **SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HOLDS COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ON NEW WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PLAINFIELD**

**JANUARY 24, 2019 – PLAINFIELD, NJ** – Committed to engaging in an open dialogue and encouraging community feedback, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) hosted a Community Open House for community members and stakeholders to discuss construction of the new Woodland Elementary School in Plainfield.

The Community Open House provided parents, teachers, area residents, stakeholder groups, and businesses with an opportunity to learn about the project and the opportunities that it will provide for community members. Attendees heard from SDA CEO Lizette Delgado Polanco, city and school officials, viewed display boards to learn about plans for the new school and asked questions/provide feedback about the project.

“Schools are more than just places of learning, they are community gathering places, so it’s important to the Schools Development Authority that we involve the community in the development of new school facility projects throughout the State,” said Lizette Delgado Polanco, SDA CEO. “We look forward to continuing our ongoing dialogue with the Passaic community throughout the construction of the brand new, state-of-the-art Woodland Elementary School.”

The new Woodland Elementary School will be a two-story, 121,000 square foot facility designed to educate 756 students in Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The new school will serve as a replacement facility for both the existing Woodland Elementary School and the Cook Elementary School in the District. The project scope includes the demolition of the existing Woodland Elementary School.

### **About the New Jersey Schools Development Authority**

The SDA is the State agency responsible for fully funding and managing the new construction, modernization and renovation of school facilities projects in 31 SDA Districts. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants. Since the program’s inception, the SDA has provided funding for and management oversight of more than 850 completed school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,400 grants for Regular Operating Districts throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information about the SDA, please visit our website at: [www.njsda.gov](http://www.njsda.gov) or follow us on social media at: [Facebook](#); [Instagram](#); [LinkedIn](#); or [Twitter](#).

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