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New Jersey Schools Development Authority Announces Site Clearing Demolition Activities for a New Elementary School in Pleasantville

PLEASANTVILLE, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Pleasantville Public Schools’ officials to highlight demolition activities to make way for the construction of a new elementary school at the site of the former Decatur Avenue School.

“School construction projects like this one highlight our collective commitment to ensuring New Jersey students have access to quality academic facilities that help to elevate existing robust education programs,” said SDA CEO Manuel Da Silva. “The demolition of the vacant former Decatur school building is an important first step to enable construction of a new, state-of-the-art elementary school that will benefit thousands of Pleasantville students in the years ahead. We look forward to our continued partnership with Pleasantville Public Schools as this project progresses.”

The early site preparation activities include the demolition and removal of the existing 16,000 square-foot Decatur Avenue School. The demolition of the existing Decatur Avenue facility will allow for the construction of a new, 91,000 square-foot elementary school designed to educate a maximum of 650 students in pre-kindergarten through grade five.

USA Environmental Management, Inc. was awarded a general construction contract for \$2.2 million to perform demolition of the existing Decatur Avenue Elementary School site, relocation of an existing sewer line and associated site work. All demolition and associated site work is anticipated to be completed in January 2026.



The next phase of this project will be a design-build contract award. An advertisement for these services was issued in August 2025. SDA also anticipates issuance of a construction management procurement in the early part of 2026. Following approval of an award, the design phase for the design-build contract would commence. The design-build approach typically allows some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently through phased

advancement. The total estimated SDA project cost for the new school is \$65.8 million.



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 900 completed school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,900 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 or follow us on social media at: [Facebook](#); [Instagram](#); [LinkedIn](#); or [Twitter](#).

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