



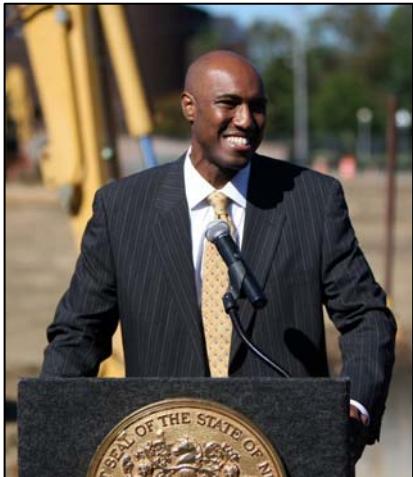
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## Message from CEO Marc Larkins



At a September groundbreaking event in Long Branch (Monmouth County), Governor Christie announced that \$500 million in projects would either start construction or be advertised for construction in the subsequent six months. As the SDA advances this work, it will be done with efficiency and accountability to ensure the preservation of taxpayer dollars and that all students in New Jersey receive the best possible educational opportunities.

Over the past few months, significant progress has been made on many of the projects announced in the 2011 and 2012 Project Portfolios. Construction activities have begun on all but one project announced as part of the 2011 Project Portfolio. This includes the George L. Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch, which is the

first school facility to enter construction. In addition, demolition work is ongoing at the Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School in Keansburg (Monmouth County). The long-awaited construction advertisement for Phillipsburg High School (Warren County) was announced in September and SDA issued the Design-Build advertisement for the Newark Elliott Street Elementary School (Essex County) project in December. For current information regarding the progress of the 2011 and 2012 Project Portfolios, please visit our website to view the monthly [Board Materials](#).

As evidenced by recent accomplishments, including the opening of two new schools this September, maintaining a quality educational infrastructure for the children of New Jersey is paramount for the Christie Administration. In addition to the ongoing Capital Project work, SDA's portfolio includes dozens of critical emergent projects in SDA districts that provide necessary repairs and rehabilitation to existing school facilities. We look forward to continued collaboration with all of our stakeholders to guarantee the continued success of the school construction program so that students throughout the State will be provided with the learning environments they need to succeed.

## Groundbreaking Ceremonies

Governor Chris Christie joined SDA CEO Marc Larkins and School District officials for the groundbreaking of the new [George L. Catrambone Elementary School](#) in Long Branch (Monmouth County) on September 24. The George L. Catrambone Elementary School is the first project of the 2011 Capital Portfolio to enter the construction phase, with site work already completed. The new school will be a 109,000 square-foot, two-story facility designed to educate approximately 800 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth



*Governor Christie speaks at groundbreaking*

grades. The building is being constructed on the site of the former Elberon Elementary School which was demolished in 2009. The facility will include 41 classrooms, four special education classrooms, a cafetorium, stage, computer room, gymnasium, media center/library, art room and a music room. The new school is anticipated for completion in time for a September 2014 school opening.



*Groundbreaking at Public School #20*

media center and support spaces.

Another groundbreaking ceremony was held this year for the new [Public School #20](#) in Jersey City (Hudson County). The groundbreaking marked the commencement of the first phase of work to prepare the project site for the construction of the new elementary school building. The future Jersey City PS #20 will be a 106,763 square-foot, three-story facility designed to educate 628 students from kindergarten through fifth grades. The school will be built on a site located at Cator and Ocean Avenues. The facility will include general purpose classrooms, self-contained special education classrooms, small group instruction rooms, an art room, music room, technology lab, gymnasium, cafeteria, assembly/multi-purpose room,

## **September 2012 School Openings**

The SDA opened two new facilities for the 2012-2013 school year, continuing its mission to deliver high-quality educational facilities that best meet the needs of the students of the State of New Jersey. Together, these two facilities impact more than 1,400 students and represent a state investment of more than \$111 million.

The [West New York Public School Number 3](#) (Hudson County) is an 110,120 square-foot facility that educates more than 700 Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade students. The new school includes 42 general and special education classrooms, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, an auditorium, science labs, a music room, instructional rooms, computer labs and an art room.



*West New York Public School #3*



*Colin Powell Elementary School*

The [Colin Powell Elementary School](#) in Union City (Hudson County) is a three-story, 121,505 square-foot facility, which educates 705 kindergarten through fifth grade students. The new school includes 39 general classrooms, special education spaces, two computer labs, one science demo lab, special instructional rooms, gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, two elevators, and play areas including one rooftop play area.

## Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School Demolition in Keansburg

SDA officials joined Keansburg School District officials on October 2, to announce the demolition of the 58,000 square-foot [Caruso Elementary School](#) to provide a 3.15 acre site for a future new facility. The Caruso Elementary School project was selected for advancement as part of the SDA's 2012 Capital Portfolio announced by the Governor in March 2012.

The construction of the new Caruso Elementary School will provide an additional 736 seats for students in kindergarten through fourth grades. The estimated advertisement date for this design-build project is the third quarter of 2013.



*Demolition of Caruso Elementary School*



*Time capsule found during demolition activities*

In November, during demolition, a time capsule dated 1921 was discovered, encased in the cornerstone of the building. The time capsule was carefully removed from the cornerstone by hand with a chisel in order to preserve its contents. Among the items discovered in the time capsule were six "one cent" coins dating back to the early 1800's, a copy of The Keansburg Beacon dated December 15, 1921, a few photos and a program from the Dedication Ceremony at which the time capsule was placed in the cornerstone. The district intends to display the contents of the time capsule in the new school.

## SDA Issues Advertisement for Phillipsburg High School

On September 27, SDA issued an [advertisement](#) for the construction of the long-awaited new high school in Phillipsburg. The \$87,097,636 construction cost estimate for the Phillipsburg High School project is one of the largest construction projects to proceed in New Jersey this year.

The construction of this highly anticipated school will result in a 330,021 square-foot facility to accommodate 1,846 students in grades nine to twelve. It will be located on a 122 acre hilltop site in Lopatcong, NJ. The building includes 50 general classrooms, six special education classrooms, 12 Small Group Instruction rooms, three health classrooms, 12 science-related classrooms, three business labs, three computer labs, vocal and instrument music rooms, a media center, an auditorium, a cafeteria and a gymnasium. The High School also will contain vocational spaces that will offer instruction in areas including agriculture, materials, child development, foods, textiles, electronics, and energy/transportation.

## Recent and Upcoming Project Activity

The following projects were recently advertised:

- Newark (Essex County) – Elliott Street Elementary School Design-build
- Newark (Essex County) – New Oliver Street Elementary School Design-build

- Newark (Essex County) – Sussex Avenue Elementary School Boiler Replacement Emergent Project
- Newark (Essex County) – Ridge Street Elementary School Boiler Replacement Emergent Project
- Passaic (Passaic County) – New Henry Street Elementary School Design-build
- Phillipsburg (Warren County) – New High School Construction

The following projects were recently awarded:

- Camden (Camden County) – Harry C. Sharp Elementary School Roof Repair Emergent Project
- Elizabeth (Union County) – Elizabeth High School Construction
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – ES #3 Early Site Preparation
- New Brunswick (Middlesex County) – A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School Design-build
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Early Site Preparation

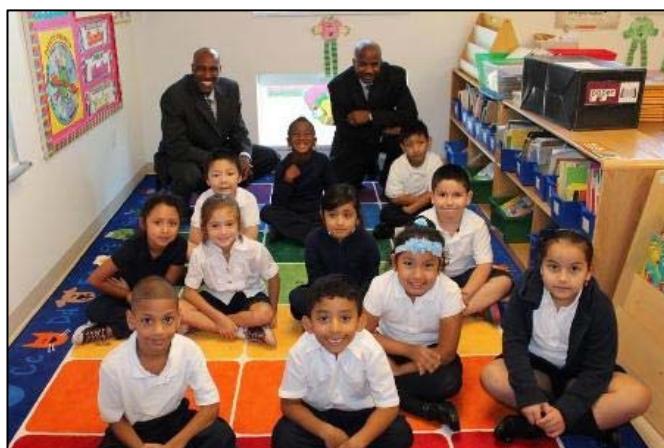
The following projects are expected to advance in Quarter 1 of 2013:

- Jersey City (Hudson County) – ES #3 Design-build advertisement
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – PS 20 Construction advertisement
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Construction advertisement

## **ROD Grant Program Update**

The Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program impacts hundreds of districts around the state by providing at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

Since the resumption of the grant program in May 2010 through December 7, 2012, the SDA executed 882 grants providing \$276.3 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated at a total amount nearing \$638.8 million. This includes recent grant executions in Brick Township (Ocean County) which received ten grants totaling more than \$2.1 million, the Burlington County Special Services School District (Burlington County) which received two grants totaling more than \$1 million and the West Morris Regional High School District (Morris County) which received one grant totaling nearly \$160,000.



*Visiting with first grade students at Elementary School Number 2 in Linden*

CEO Marc Larkins recently visited Linden and Buena Regional School Districts to highlight their completed ROD Grant projects. Mr. Larkins toured the 33,527 square-foot addition to Elementary School Number 2 in Linden (Union County), funded in part by a \$2.4 million ROD grant, and spoke with a class of first grade students about the positive impact of their new classrooms. The two-story steel frame addition includes 19 classrooms, one pre-kindergarten handicapped classroom, one gross motor skills room, three small group instruction rooms, a nurse's suite and school offices. The project also included a new playground and parking area.

Mr. Larkins also participated in a dedication ceremony to celebrate the recently completed addition to the Dr. J.P. Cleary Elementary School in Buena Regional School District (Atlantic County). The Cleary Elementary School project, funded in part by a \$4.9 million grant, included the addition of a new cafeteria, specialized classrooms and stage, demolition of a three story wing (original school) and alterations to the remaining wings of the school.



## Emergent Projects

*Dr. J.P. Cleary Elementary School dedication*

The SDA's Portfolio also includes dozens of emergent projects to ensure students are educated in facilities that provide an appropriate learning environment. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any prior administration.

Since the March 2012 Emergent Project Program announcement, at which an additional \$100 million for emergent projects was announced, the SDA continues to advance emergent projects at a pace that exceeds that of previous administrations. Of the projects announced in March 2012: 35 projects have been delegated to the local districts for management, two are in construction, 12 are in construction procurement phase, four are in design procurement phase and 15 are undergoing scope confirmation and development.



*CEO Marc Larkins speaks at Wilson Avenue School*

To highlight the work being completed through the Emergent Project Program, CEO Marc Larkins joined Newark Superintendent Cami Anderson, Assemblyman Albert Coutinho and other local officials in August to announce the start of more than \$1.9 Million in emergent repairs at the Wilson Avenue School (Essex County). In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene in August 2011, it became evident that the Wilson Avenue School was in need of significant repairs to the exterior of the facility to prevent future water infiltration. The project included the replacement of 131 original wood frame windows, significant exterior masonry work, roof repair, gutter and downspout repairs and/or replacement. The work at this 19th century building was made possible by a collaborative effort between the leadership of Newark Public Schools and the SDA.

SDA is also actively managing HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) work at East Camden Middle School (Camden County) and window replacements at P.S. #6 in Paterson (Passaic County).

Additional information on the Emergent Project Program can be found [here](#).

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