



Message from CEO Marc Larkins



I am proud to be part of an organization that is dedicated to providing New Jersey's students with state of the art facilities that will lead them into the 21st Century. To that end, during my tenure, I have witnessed this agency transform itself into one that ensures fiscal efficiency and accountability to the taxpayers of New Jersey.

These changes are evident in the volume and quality of work advanced in the past three years. In fact, every project included in the Authority's 2011 Capital Portfolio has moved into the construction phase as well as several from the 2012 portfolio.

The SDA also supports an active portfolio of ROD Grant projects valued at more than \$1.5 billion in total construction costs. These efforts were strengthened by the Governor's recent announcement of \$455 million for additional grants. This largest single grant program in New Jersey's history will allow many school districts to take advantage of a much-needed opportunity to improve their facilities while contributing additional jobs for the construction trades.

We know that our partners in the construction industry play a strong role in advancing the goals of the school construction program. We are committed to increasing the participation of New Jersey's small, minority and women-owned businesses in our work. To this end, SDA is proud to partner with the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) in creating a scholarship program, the Governor's Industry Vocations Scholarship (NJ-GIVS), for women and minorities who are pursuing fields within the construction trades.

An open dialogue with our stakeholders has proven beneficial to the exchange of new ideas and current information. As always, we encourage our stakeholders to become actively engaged with the work of the Authority. SDA staff is always available to provide additional information. I invite you to read the latest [SDA Biannual Report](#) to gain a better understanding of the work the SDA has undertaken in the past few months. I look forward to our continued collaboration as we work together to fulfill our mission.

Beam Signing Ceremonies Highlight Construction Progress



Long Branch students at Beam Signing

SDA officials joined Long Branch School District officials, third graders and local officials for a "beam signing" ceremony on May 23 to celebrate the ongoing construction of the new [George L. Catrambone Elementary School](#). The new Catrambone Elementary School, a 109,000 square-foot facility that will educate approximately 800 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, is being constructed on the site of the former Elberon Elementary School which was demolished in 2009. Governor Christie helped break ground for the project in September 2012. The school is scheduled for completion in September 2014.

On June 20, SDA officials, local officials, New Brunswick Public School officials and third grade students from Redshaw Elementary School participated in a "beam signing" ceremony to highlight the construction progress of the new [A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School](#). Those present had the opportunity to sign a steel beam that was later hoisted into place as a permanent part of the new 135,000 square-foot facility. The A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School will educate approximately 900 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. Construction started in March 2013 and the contractor anticipates completion in September 2014.



SDA Officials, Superintendent Kaplan & Redshaw students at Beam Signing

SDA Capital Program

To date, the SDA has advertised for construction activities on every project announced in the [2011 Capital Portfolio](#). Three projects - Academic High School in Elizabeth, Catrambone Elementary School in Long Branch and Redshaw Elementary School in New Brunswick - have broken ground and are currently in active construction. SDA has advertised for the design-build of Buckshutem and Quarter Mile

Lane Elementary Schools in Bridgeton and P.S. #16 in Paterson as well as school design services for the Harry L. Bain Elementary School in West New York. Additionally, construction awards have been made for P.S. No. 20 in Jersey City and Marshall Street Elementary School in Paterson and design-build awards have been made for E.S. #3 in Jersey City and Oliver Street Elementary School in Newark.

Many of the projects announced in the [2012 Capital Portfolio](#) have also advanced. The Memorial High School project in West New York was addressed via an alternative delivery method with the acquisition of St. Joseph of the Palisades High School. SDA has advertised for site preparation activities at the South Street Elementary School in Newark and the design-build of the Caruso Elementary School in Keansburg. In addition, awards were made for the construction of Phillipsburg High School, the design-build of the Elliott Street School in Newark and design services for Trenton Central High School.

Additionally, the new Victor Mravlag Elementary School in Elizabeth is open for the new school year and the SDA expects to start construction of the Henry Street Elementary School in Passaic in the coming weeks.

SDA Emergent Project Program

As of August 2013, the original list of 76 conditions identified in the March 2012 announcement has been pared down to 66 due to certain schools being taken offline or the projects having been completed by the district. Of the remaining projects, 37 were delegated to the local school districts for management. The status of the SDA-managed emergent projects is as follows - four have been completed, eight are in construction, 16 are in design and one is in pre-development. For additional information on the Emergent Project Program, please click [here](#).

SDA officials joined Irvington School District and local officials on a tour of the ongoing emergent project at the [Madison Avenue School](#) in July. A general construction contract was awarded to Hall Building Corporation to perform a partial roof replacement, roof repairs and parapet replacement. Built in 1909, the Madison Avenue School (formerly Mt. Vernon Avenue School) is a 58,200 square-foot facility that educates approximately 325 students in kindergarten through fifth grades.



Officials at Madison Avenue Emergent Project Event

Recent and Upcoming Project Activity

Since May, the SDA has advertised and awarded contracts for the following projects.

The following projects were recently advertised:

- Bridgeton (Cumberland County) – Buckshutem Road Elementary School & Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School Construction Manager Services
- Keansburg (Monmouth County) – Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School Design-Build
- Newark (Essex County) – South Street Elementary School Early Site Package
- Paterson (Passaic County) – PS # 16 Existing School Demolition
- Paterson (Passaic County) – PS #16 Design-Build

Proposals for the following projects are currently under review:

- Bridgeton (Cumberland County) – Buckshutem Road Elementary School & Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School Design-Build
- Irvington (Essex County) – Union Avenue Middle School Emergent Project
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – ES # 3 Construction Manager Services
- Vineland (Cumberland County) – Vineland Sr. High School South Emergent Project
- West New York (Hudson County) – Harry L. Bain Elementary School Design Services

The following projects were recently awarded:

- Camden (Camden County) – H.B. Wilson Elementary School Demolition
- Camden (Camden County) – Pyne Poynt Middle School Emergent Project
- Irvington (Essex County) – Chancellor Avenue Elementary School Emergent Project
- Irvington (Essex County) – Madison Avenue Elementary School Emergent Project
- Irvington (Essex County) – University Middle School Emergent Project
- Irvington (Essex County) – Union Avenue Middle

- School Emergent Project
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – P.S. 3 & M.S. 4 Corrective Work
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – P.S. No. 20 Construction
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – P.S. No. 20 Construction Manager Services
- Jersey City (Hudson County) – E.S. # 3 Design-Build
- Newark (Essex County) – Elliott Street Elementary School Construction Manager Services
- Orange (Essex County) – Orange Middle School Emergent Project Design Services
- Passaic (Passaic County) – School #11 Emergent Project
- Passaic (Passaic County) – School #12 Emergent Project
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Don Bosco Academy Underground Storage Tank Removal
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Construction
- Paterson (Passaic County) – Marshall Street Elementary School Construction Manager Services
- Salem City (Salem County) – Salem High School Emergent Project
- Salem City (Salem County) – Salem Middle School Emergent Project
- Trenton (Mercer County) – Trenton Central High School Design Consultant Services

Largest School Construction Grant Program Announced

In May, Governor Christie announced the [largest school construction grant program](#) in New Jersey history with nearly a half billion dollars available for grants to complete projects in Regular Operating Districts (ROD) across New Jersey. The SDA and the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) are working collaboratively on this effort with \$425 million available for the 559 RODs and an additional \$30 million dedicated to the State's county vocational schools. Applications were accepted by the DOE from June 3 through September 4, 2013. For more information on the application process, please visit DOE's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/facilities/projectapplication/rod/>.

Grants approved under this new round of funding will add to the 913 grants already executed under the Christie Administration, which have provided

more than \$287.5 million to local districts and leveraged projects estimated at more than \$675.3 million as of August 2013. More ROD Grants have been executed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration. For a full listing of ROD Grant projects, click [here](#).



SDA CEO Marc Larkins, COS Jason Ballard and Assemblyman John DiMaio tour Hackettstown High School

On August 15, SDA CEO Marc Larkins and Chief of Staff Jason Ballard joined local legislators and Hackettstown School District officials on a tour of chemistry lab upgrades at [Hackettstown High School](#) made possible in part by \$358,759 ROD Grant.

NJ-GIVS Scholarship Program

On June 25, SDA CEO Marc Larkins and New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks joined Governor Christie at Burlington County Community College for the announcement of the

Governor's Industry Vocations Scholarship for Women and Minorities (NJ-GIVS). The NJ-GIVS scholarship will be funded with SDA mandated "set-aside" funds and administered in partnership with the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA). The scholarship program will pay up to \$2,000 per year towards the cost of enrollment to women and minority students who reside in New Jersey and are pursuing non-degree certificate programs in construction related fields at one of New Jersey's 19 county colleges. For more information on NJ-GIVS, please visit HESAA's website at:

<http://www.hesaa.org/Pages/HESAANewsPage.aspx?type=Announcements&id=119>



NJ-GIVS Scholarship Announcement

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