



## Message from CEO Charles B. McKenna



While the winter has been oppressively frigid, unlike last winter with all its snow, we have been able to forge ahead without any real lost construction time. That will thankfully keep all of our projects on schedule. And as for our projects, ground was broken at E.S. 3, a new elementary school in Jersey City and the steel was topped off at Phillipsburg High School marking great milestones for both projects. We expect the steel to be completed at P.S. 16 in Paterson as well as at the two Bridgeton schools,

Buckshutem and Quarter Mile Lane, this Spring. In addition, the abatement/demolition of Trenton Central High School will commence in the Spring and the demolition for the James Madison Elementary School in Garfield was recently completed. Together with the completion of the early site package at the South Street School site in Newark, we are poised to keep moving new projects into the pipeline that will add even more much-needed seats for eager students.

In addition to new construction, we are working on several renovations that illustrate our balanced approach to not only building new schools but renovating our aging infrastructure to ensure its continued viability. Design work is moving forward on major addition /renovation projects at the Paul Robeson School in New Brunswick, Orange High School and the Cleveland Elementary School in Orange, Chancellor Avenue School in Newark and the Irvington High School to name a few. Preliminary planning is also proceeding on major renovations to Camden High School.

Aside from all the work that is being done in SDA Districts, our grants department is diligently processing hundreds of grants that will fund renovations and improvements across the state. In 2014 alone, more than 1600 grants were offered funding a state share for the Regular Operating Districts in the amount of \$530 million. Thus, their hard work is making lives better for thousands of school children across New Jersey.

For my own part, my first year here has been truly rewarding. SDA has great people who work hard to deliver a quality product to the children of this State. Our Board of Directors is an engaged group of professionals that take their positions seriously and have truly helped our mission in many important ways. As we move from winter in to spring and get our building and renovating into high gear I just wanted to thank everyone on the Board and staff for their hard work and dedication. Finally, none of what we do would be possible without the hard work of New Jersey's fine construction workers and contractors who labor each day to help us provide a quality education experience for our children.

## A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School Opening

Greeted by students holding signs that read "Thank you for our new school!" Acting Governor Kim Guadagno officially opened the new A. Chester Redshaw Elementary School in New Brunswick at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on



Officials and students cutting the ribbon for the new Redshaw Elementary School

January 26. Acting Governor Guadagno joined State and local officials as well as New Brunswick School District leaders and students to celebrate the momentous occasion, opening the new school that was completed ahead of schedule and on budget.

Redshaw Elementary School is designed to educate approximately 900 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades. The new school includes 46 general classrooms, five special education classrooms, basic skills and small group instruction areas, a technology lab, computer room, gymnasium, media center, multi-purpose room with a stage, art room and music room.

Redshaw Elementary School has the distinction of being the first project under the Christie Administration to be constructed using a design-build approach. Design-Build allows the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project. SDA has found that this approach provides enhanced predictability in the construction process.

## Capital Portfolio Status Update

More than half of the projects that have been approved as part of the SDA's Capital Portfolio have advanced into construction or design activities. Of the projects in the Capital Portfolio:

- 3 projects have been completed;
- 12 projects are in active building construction;
- 2 projects have initiated Design-Build activities;
- 13 projects are in design development;
- 2 projects are in design procurement; and
- 8 projects are in scope development.

In January, the SDA Board approved a revised project scope and preliminary charter for a project in Millville that will address overcrowding concerns at the high school grade level. The revised design concept will now phase the construction work to allow for an addition which, once

completed, will serve as swing space while the existing high school is renovated. This design concept eliminated the need for any work at the existing Lakeside Middle School.

For additional information on the current status of the Capital Portfolio, please click [here](#).

## Project Events Highlight Capital Project Construction



School 16 Groundbreaking



Caruso Elementary School Groundbreaking

The brisk fall and frigid winter weather has not stopped the SDA from celebrating numerous construction milestones on many Capital Projects across the State. In addition to the Redshaw Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, the SDA has taken part in three beam signing ceremonies, three groundbreaking ceremonies and one demolition event over the past few months.



Elementary School 3 Groundbreaking



Phillipsburg High School Beam Signing

Caruso Elementary School in Keansburg, Elementary School Number 3 in Jersey City and School 16 in Paterson all broke ground in recent months. SDA officials, state and local officials and district representatives were on hand for all three ceremonies to celebrate the

start of construction for these projects.

Beam signing ceremonies were held for the new Marshall Street Elementary School in Paterson, the Oliver Street Elementary School in Newark and Phillipsburg High School in Phillipsburg. At all three ceremonies, students, teachers and officials



Marshall Street Elementary School Beam Signing

celebrated the construction progress of the new facilities by signing a steel beam, forever leaving their mark on the new schools.

In Garfield, Christie Administration officials and local officials were on hand to announce the start of demolition activities to make room for a new elementary school. The new James Madison Elementary School Number 10 will replace the former school, which was recently demolished.



Oliver Street Elementary School  
Beam Signing



James Madison Elementary  
School Number 10 Demolition  
Event

## **Recent and Upcoming Project Activity**

Since November 2014, the SDA has advertised and/or awarded contracts for the following projects:

### Recent Advertisements

- Irvington (Essex County) – Irvington High School Roof, HVAC and Masonry Repairs Emergent Project
- Pemberton (Burlington County) - Denbo-Crichton School Design Consultant Procurement

### Proposals Currently Under Review

- Orange (Essex County) – Orange High School Addition/Renovation Design Consultant
- Trenton (Mercer County) – Trenton Central High School Abatement and Demolition

### Recent Contract Awards

- Elizabeth (Union County) – New Elementary School Design-Build
- Gloucester City (Gloucester County) – New Elementary School/Middle School Construction Management Services

### Upcoming Contract Opportunities Expected to Advance in Quarter 1 of 2015

- Camden (Camden County) - Camden High School Design Consultant Procurement
- Garfield (Bergen County) - James Madison Elementary School Construction Procurement
- Orange (Essex County) - Cleveland Elementary School Design Consultant Procurement

## **Maintaining Our Schools**

The SDA Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA District school facilities in need of repair and rehabilitation. As of December 2014, 132 projects (both SDA Managed and District Delegated) have been completed.

The SDA is currently managing 14 emergent projects.

- 7 projects are in construction;
- 1 project is in construction procurement;
- 5 projects are in design; and
- 1 project is in design procurement.

The amount of time needed to complete an emergent project varies based on a variety of conditions including the scope and complexity of the work involved. The ongoing emergent project in Vineland to replace and upgrade the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system at Vineland High School South is an example of a more complex project that required significant design work. The SDA anticipates issuing a construction advertisement next month.

For a current status of the SDA's Emergent Project Program, please click [here](#).

## **ROD Grant Program Update**

Throughout 2014, the SDA worked closely with our District partners to execute as many Regular Operating District (ROD) Grants as possible so that school districts throughout New Jersey can perform necessary school improvement projects. Of this latest allocation of ROD Grants, 900 have been executed. This includes recent grant executions to Camden County Technical Schools (Camden County) for heating, ventilation and lighting system replacement in the auditorium at the Pennsauken Campus; North Bergen School District (Hudson County) for security and fire alarm system upgrades at North Bergen High School; Milford Public School District (Hunterdon County) for ADA renovations to the lower level and main level restrooms at Milford Public School; and Ocean Gate School District (Ocean County) for new classroom air conditioning at Ocean Gate Elementary School.

Since the start of the Christie Administration through January 31, 2015, the SDA has executed 1,885 grants providing nearly \$598 million to local districts and leveraging projects estimated to total \$1.4 billion. A complete list of ROD Grant projects can be found on the [SDA website](#).

## **SMWBE Contractor Training Program**

On February 18, an orientation session was held for the fifth offering of the SDA's Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (SMWBE) Contractor Training Program. Twenty-one companies are enrolled to participate in the 2015 program at locations in Trenton and Newark. Seminars begin February 24 and run through April 22. The program will culminate with a graduation/networking event.

The SMWBE Contractor Training Program is designed to provide SMWBEs in New Jersey with valuable insight on how to do business with the SDA and provide these firms with the tools necessary to successfully compete for SDA construction projects. Over the course of nine weeks, a variety of subjects will be presented to participating firms during seminars conducted by SDA personnel and industry professionals.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about the SMWBE Contractor Training Program and other small business programs and opportunities.



SMWBE Contractor Training Program Week 1 Presentation

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