



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Building Schools, Building Communities, Building Opportunities

### MESSAGE FROM CEO CHARLES B. MCKENNA



The onset of fall has become all about School openings at the SDA and this September was no different. Ribbons were cut in Gloucester City, Jersey City, West New York, and Elizabeth. While we celebrated our victories, we also worked on our future completed projects in places like Trenton, Vineland, Newark, Passaic, Garfield and many other districts around the state. When I look to our horizon, I see new high schools in Trenton, Camden and Perth Amboy. All of this great work is the product of the industrious SDA staff who I cannot thank enough. It is their work that is making a difference in the lives of those children for whom we provide first-rate learning facilities.

This fall we were the recipient of the Good Neighbor Award by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association for our work on Phillipsburg High School. It was good to see Aruna Reddy and Tom Schrum accept the award on behalf of the SDA.

Much less in the spotlight, but every bit as important as our capital program, the ROD grant program continues to drive the economics of school renovations and upgrades across the state. None of this occurs without the great support from within the organization from areas such as IT, Facilities, Records Management, Auditing and of course our fiscal folks. The successes we have had are due to the work of the entire organization and not just particular groups or individuals.

We have many projects still in our future and every day we work towards improving the educational facilities around the state. It is a great mission being worked on by exceptional people.

## SDA CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

The summer was full of activity as SDA prepared schools for September openings. Celebratory ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at the Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School in Jersey City and the Harry L. Bain Elementary School in West New York. As new schools opened, more projects entered into construction. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Madison Avenue Elementary School in Irvington as well as the new Seaman Avenue Elementary School in Perth Amboy. These events demonstrate the continued efforts being made to better the lives of children throughout the state of New Jersey.



*Harry L. Bain Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in West New York*



*Madison Avenue Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony in Irvington*



*Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Jersey City*



*Seaman Avenue Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony in Perth Amboy*

## TRENTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL TAKING SHAPE

Construction of the new Trenton Central High School is moving quickly with structural steel installation now complete and building enclosure underway.

On October 27, 2017, SDA joined state and local officials, Trenton School District leaders, and students for a ceremonial “beam signing” to highlight the progress of construction on the new high school. Those present signed a piece of steel that will later be hoisted into place as part of the new facility.



**2017 SCHOOL OPENINGS**

SDA continues to improve educational facilities for thousands of students statewide through the construction of new schools, additions and building renovations. In 2017, SDA opened five new or renovated schools, providing more than 3,100 additional seats for students throughout New Jersey and impacting nearly 4,200 students overall.

The five completed school projects represent a state investment of more than \$230 million. The schools delivered by SDA include Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School in Bridgeton, Halloran Elementary School in Elizabeth, Gloucester City Middle School, Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School in Jersey City, and the Harry L. Bain Elementary School in West New York.



*Quarter Mile Lane Elementary School in Bridgeton*



*Halloran Elementary School in Elizabeth*

**SDA ACCEPTS GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD FOR PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

On July 14, 2017, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) presented SDA with a “Good Neighbor Award” for the Phillipsburg High School project.

Phillipsburg High School was one of 14 projects recognized by NJBIA for “improving New Jersey’s economy and landscape.” The awards recognized visionary architects, builders and financing professionals who turned exciting ideas into reality.

Managing Director Thomas Schrum and Program Officer Aruna Reddy accepted the award on behalf of the SDA.

The new 330,000 square-foot Phillipsburg High School is designed to accommodate approximately 2,170 students in grades nine through twelve. The school was designed by DIG Architects, constructed by EPIC Management. Heery International served as construction manager.



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**SDA ISSUES ADVERTISEMENT FOR LARGEST  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN PROGRAM HISTORY**

In June, the SDA issued an advertisement for construction of the Dayton Avenue Educational Campus in Passaic City. The project scope includes a four-story, approximately 448,000 square foot educational campus, to educate 2,760 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eight. The construction cost estimate for the Dayton Avenue Educational Campus design-build contract is \$170-\$180 million, making it the largest construction project undertaken by the SDA to date.

An award recommendation was approved at the SDA's November 15, 2017, Board Meeting.

**RECENT PROJECT ACTIVITY**

The SDA recently released its 2018 project forecast.

Since June 2017, the SDA has advertised and/or awarded contracts for the following projects:

**Recent Advertisements:**

Passaic (Passaic County) – New Dayton Avenue Educational Campus (Design-Build Services)

Pemberton (Burlington County) – Denbo-Crichton Elementary School (Design-Build Services)

East Orange (Essex County) - George Washington Carver Elementary School (CM Services)

**Recent Contract Awards:**

East Orange (Essex County)- George Washington Carver Elementary School (Design-Build Services)

Millville (Cumberland County)- Millville senior High School (CM Services)

**SDA CAPITAL PORTFOLIO**



The current status of the SDA' capital portfolio as of December 1, 2017 is as follows:

- 17 projects are complete;
- 9 projects are in active building construction;
- 1 project has initiated design-build activity;
- 1 project is in design-build procurement;
- 9 projects are in design development;
- 1 project is in the pre-design services phase;
- and
- 2 projects are in scope development.

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