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Schools Development Authority Marks Re-Opening of the Harry L. Bain Elementary School in West New York



WEST NEW YORK, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) today joined West New York School District and local officials to celebrate the re-opening of the rehabilitated Harry L. Bain Elementary School in West New York, one of five projects completed statewide for students this year.

“It is a pleasure to welcome students back to their community school following the completion of significant exterior and interior rehabilitation work,” said Andrew Yosha, SDA Executive Vice President of Program Operations and Strategic Planning. “Thanks to our partnership with the West New York School District and local officials, the SDA was able to complete the necessary improvements on budget and as scheduled.”

The Harry L. Bain Elementary School project made improvements to the building envelope and interior systems of the existing school that educates approximately 800 students in grades pre-kindergarten through six. The exterior renovations included removal and replacement of the building façade, brick front and windows, as well as installation of a water-resistant exterior insulation and finish wall system. The interior work included replacement of classroom HVAC units, lighting systems upgrades, ceiling tile replacements in coordination with the HVAC & lighting work, and repairs to water infiltration-damaged interior spaces.

“The West New York School District is very pleased to reopen the doors of the presently renovated Harry L. Bain Elementary School in September of 2017,” said West New York Superintendent Clara Herrera. “Reacquiring this space will enable the District to provide Harry L. Bain School students with a safe, attractive, comfortable, climate-controlled environment in which to learn, play, and develop. The West New York School District gratefully acknowledges the efforts and the work done by the SDA for our students.”

The SDA has invested more than \$200 million for completed projects in West New York, including \$16.8 million for the work at the Harry L. Bain Elementary School. Paul Otto Building Co., Inc. of Cranford, New Jersey was the contractor. USA Architects of Somerville was the design consultant. The project was managed by Pinnacle Consulting & Construction Services of Newark, New Jersey.

In 2017 alone, the SDA will open five new or renovated school facilities in communities throughout the State representing a state investment of more than \$230 million. These projects provide more than 3,100 new seats and impact nearly 4,200 students overall. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants.

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