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Schools Development Authority Marks Opening of New Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School in Jersey City



JERSEY CITY, NJ – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) joined Jersey City students and District officials at a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School, one of five new or renovated facilities the SDA opened this year.

“The SDA is pleased to deliver another new school that will help to relieve district-wide overcrowding in Jersey City,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School provides Jersey City’s students with a state-of-the-art educational facility that will strengthen the educational tools available to help them learn and succeed.”

The new Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School is a 123,000 square-foot school designed to educate approximately 850 students in grades Pre-kindergarten through five. The facility includes 30 general use classrooms, 10 Pre-kindergarten classrooms, four self-contained special education classrooms, a technology/project lab, a science demonstration lab, small group instruction rooms, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room with stage and a media center.

The school was built using the design-build method. The SDA continues to utilize a design-build approach for the construction of many new facilities. This method differs from the traditional approach by allowing the SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project.

"We are pleased to be able to offer another quality learning environment to our students," said Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Jersey City Public Schools Superintendent.

The SDA has invested more than \$386 million in completed projects in Jersey City, including \$54 million for the new Patricia M. Noonan Elementary School. Dobco, Inc. of Wayne was the design-build contractor working in partnership with RSC Architects of Hackensack, NJ on the design. Epic Management, Inc. of Piscataway managed the project.

In 2017 alone, the SDA opened 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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