



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Kevin McElroy
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DATE: October 16, 2006

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
September Progress Report

Mission Statement

Create a brighter future for our children by renovating, building and funding cost-effective and efficient state-of-the-art community schools that support high quality learning environments to better prepare students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st Century in New Jersey and beyond.

Partner with communities and leaders in business, education and government to support our programs, policies and projects to create greater opportunities for our children, businesses and workforce.

Introduction

SCC highlights during September included the selection of a new Chief Executive Officer and the openings of three new schools: an elementary school in Trenton, and an elementary school and a middle school in Vineland. The SCC also broke ground for a new high school in Paterson. The agency also expanded its policy of transparency and public accountability by posting Board memos for public meetings on its website.

Scott Weiner was named Chief Executive Officer of the SCC after a six-month national search. He was selected from a number of highly qualified candidates based on his breadth of experience and managerial skills, said SCC Board Chairman Barry Zubrow.

"This is an agency with great purpose, potential and people. It is a privilege to be chosen to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the SCC," said Weiner, who served SCC as Transitional CEO since March. "Clearly, the challenges ahead of us are great, but with the solid reforms we've already put into place, and in active collaboration with school districts and other stakeholders, I'm confident we have laid a foundation that will allow us to fulfill our mandate to New Jersey's children responsibly and cost-effectively. Our transformation has already begun, and it will continue to evolve in the months ahead."

The SCC is now making memos to its Board of Directors for public meetings available to the public online in order to conduct business in a more open and transparent manner. The detailed memos will be posted on the SCC website before each monthly public Board meeting and will be identified and linked to the respective agenda item. This will give citizens the opportunity to learn more about school construction matters in advance of the meetings. This access should prove beneficial to the public at large as well as residents, school officials and community representatives who attend the public SCC Board meetings. Posting of the memos extends a policy the SCC began with the posting of the Board minutes and agendas on its website. The Board page on the website also includes biographies of the Board members and meeting dates.



SCC, Trenton Educators Celebrate Grand Opening Of New Columbus Elementary School

Trenton School District and SCC officials held a grand opening September 6th for Christopher Columbus Elementary School, which will help to ease overcrowding, enhance academic achievement and provide early childhood educational programs. Students, parents, residents and state and local officials attended a ceremony at Columbus School, which along with the newly opened Joyce Kilmer School are the first new free-standing schools to be built in Trenton in 40 years.

Rodney Lofton, Trenton's new Superintendent of Schools, remarked, "We're committed to providing every child in Trenton with a high-quality education, and that commitment includes creating schools that inspire and enrich learning in vibrant and dynamic spaces. This stunning school represents our commitment to giving each of our students the high-quality, 21st-century education they need and deserve. Any parent would be thrilled to send their child to a facility as bright and inspiring as Columbus."

The 73,681-square-foot, three-story Columbus School has students from pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. It includes large-group and community-related functions such as a cafeteria, media center/library and gym on the first floor. The second floor has 1st through 4th grade classrooms, special education areas, science and art rooms. The third floor includes 4th through 8th grade classrooms, a science lab and small-group instruction room. The new school replaces the original, antiquated Columbus School that was razed to construct the new building at the same site. It was designed by Faridy Veisz Fraytak P.C. and built by Turner Construction Co. Hill International managed the project for the SCC.



SCC, Vineland Educators Celebrate Grand Opening Of New Petway Elementary School

Vineland School District and SCC officials held a grand opening September 9th for Pauline J. Petway Elementary School. It will help ease overcrowding and enhance student achievement from kindergarten through 5th grade. The ribbon-cutting was followed by a tour of the school at Lincoln Avenue and Menantico Road. The Petway School and Thomas W. Wallace Jr. Middle School are the first new schools to be built in this Cumberland County community since 1976.

The 74,000-square-foot Petway School has a capacity for 556 students. The school includes four kindergarten classrooms, 20 general education classrooms and three for special education. There also are classrooms for speech, science, enrichment, music, art

and computers. The school has an occupational and physical therapy area, a cafeteria, a media center/library and a gymnasium. The school was designed by Manders/Merighi Associates and built by Fred M. Schiavone Construction Company, Inc. Gilbane Building Co. managed the project for the SCC.



SCC, Vineland Educators Dedicate New Wallace Middle School

Vineland School District and SCC officials held a dedication and grand opening September 16th for the new Thomas W. Wallace Jr. Middle School, which has 562 students from 6th through 8th grades. A ribbon-cutting was followed by a tour of the school at Mill and Almond roads. Wallace School and Pauline J. Petway Elementary School are the first new educational facilities built in this Cumberland County community since 1976.

"The dedication of this beautiful new school is an absolutely wonderful way to begin my service as superintendent of schools," said Charles Ottinger. "This is a school that will provide a superb environment for our children, their families, and our staff for many years into the future. Many people have worked very hard for a long time to make this dream into a reality, and the results are truly spectacular."

The two-story 119,380-square-foot school includes 18 general classrooms, six science labs, six special education classrooms, music and art areas, computer and technology labs, speech classroom, occupational/physical therapy area, cafeteria, media center/library and gym. The school was designed by Manders/Merighi Associates and built by Stanker/Galetto and Ray Angelini. URS Corp. managed the project for the SCC.



SCC, Paterson Educators Break Ground For New International High School

Paterson School District and SCC officials held a groundbreaking September 26th to mark the start of construction for International High School, which will ease overcrowding and enhance academic achievement for more than 520 students from 9th through 12th grades. The ceremony was held at the construction site on Grand Street once occupied by a housing project.

“This is a great day for our Paterson youth! We are truly an international community, and so it is fitting and appropriate to meet the needs of those students who wish to pursue international careers. We will take pride in providing an academic environment that fosters excellence and a brighter future,” said Superintendent Michael E. Glascoe, Ed. D.

The four-story, 113,927-square-foot high school will include 16 general classrooms, a computer-aided design (CAD) room, four science labs, a technology lab, a home economics room, language labs, art rooms, music rooms, a gym, an auditorium, a cafeteria and a kitchen. It will have a media center/library accessible to the community as well as students. The school was designed by L+C. Terminal Construction Corp. is the general contractor. Jacobs Facilities is managing the project for the SCC.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

As of September 30, 2006, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,817,986,142 since the inception of the school building program in 2002.

Contractor Procurement

Four construction bids were advertised in September for school projects in Asbury Park, East Orange, Irvington and Newark. (Exhibit A)

School District Grants

From its inception in 2002 through September 30, 2006, the SCC has executed 2,536 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. To date, 1,425 schools in 471 districts have been impacted by the Section 15 grant program. Total project costs amount to \$7,103,865,445 for which the state share totaled \$2,203,638,474.

Office of Contractor And Workforce Compliance

The SCC Office of Contractor and Workforce Compliance is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to serve our target population.

In others, it is working with our project management firms (PMF) and other internal SCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program. The Office encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Office endeavors to promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects. Further programmatic information is available on the SCC website.



Conferences/Presentations

Columbus Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9/6/2006, Trenton

Dedication of Pauline J. Petway Elementary School #1, 9/9/2006, Vineland

NJ Regional Council of Carpenter's Annual Convention, 9/15/2006, Atlantic City

Dedication of Thomas W. Wallace Jr. Middle School #1, 9/16/2006, Vineland

International High School Groundbreaking Ceremony, 9/26/2006, Paterson

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Attachment

Exhibit A

Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of October 25, 2006

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