



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: John F. Spencer
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: October 27, 2004

SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation
September Progress Report

Introduction

The beginning of the 2004-2005 school year in September saw students return to school in new facilities, for all grade levels, all over the state. Brand new Early Childhood Centers in Garfield, Neptune, Gloucester City, Perth Amboy, Elizabeth and Bridgeton opened their doors for 3- and 4-year-olds. Elementary school students are taking their first classes in state-of-the-art facilities in Orange, Passaic, Trenton, Asbury Park, and Manchester, as are middle school students in districts like Union City and West New York. High school students in Barnegat, East Orange, Paterson, and Jersey City will be able to prepare for college and the workforce in facilities that incorporate community needs, the newest technologies and enhanced educational resources. Approaching its second birthday, SCC has hundreds of school construction projects under way and is making tremendous progress in the building of quality schools statewide.

In September, SCC issued notices to proceed for 4 construction projects and 4 notices to design projects that will eventually yield work with a total construction cost estimate in excess of \$74.8 million. SCC also executed 34 Section 15 grant agreements with districts in 10 counties that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid for total project amounts of just under \$54 million, for which the state share totals approximately \$19 million.

Governor McGreevey Celebrates Two Years of School Construction Accomplishments



Governor James E. McGreevey

Returns to Cut Ribbon at Union City School Where He Broke Ground in 2002

Governor James E. McGreevey celebrated two years of accomplishments by the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) at a ribbon cutting at the new Jose Marti Middle School in Union City.



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School Construction program, which had been bogged down in bureaucracy and red tape. Shortly after he created the Schools Construction Corporation to accelerate the process, the Governor attended the groundbreaking of the Jose Marti Middle School. Now, less than two years later, he returned to that same site to focus on how the SCC has been the catalyst for remarkable progress in building and renovating schools all across the state.



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The event featured a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the new 132,000-square-foot structure. The Jose Marti Middle School's 27 new classrooms, 11 special education rooms, and 6 science and technology labs are providing educational opportunities for approximately 775 6th through 8th grade students. The project also includes a health center, applied technology lab, and a cafetorium with a full-sized stage.

The SCC provided \$27.1 million in funding and oversaw construction of the new school in the North Jersey municipality as part of the state's school construction program. The Jose Marti Middle School also includes a 6,200-square-foot community library that will be open to all Union City residents.

Governor McGreevey Opens New West New York Middle School



CEO, Jack Spencer SCC, Albio Sires, Speaker of the General Assembly, Mayor of the Town of West New York, Governor James E. McGreevey, William Librera, NJ Commissioner of Education

Governor James E. McGreevey also joined Assembly Speaker and West New York Mayor Albio Sires to formally open the new state-of-the-art West New York Middle School to provide new opportunities for the children of this city. The project involved a \$29.8 million investment from the state so that 1,000 children will receive an education to prepare them for the future in uncrowded 21st century classrooms.

The new state-of-the-art facility is one of the first schools built since Governor McGreevey started SCC in July 2002. The Governor took part in the groundbreaking on October 22, 2002, and returned this September for a ribbon cutting to open the completed school. The school will alleviate overcrowding and provide the children of West New York with modern facilities for a top-quality education. Prior to the new school's opening, the district's six elementary schools served Kindergarten through Grade 8.



12,000 square foot gymnasium suite, an interactive media center, and one family skills lab/classroom.

The new school includes a new 173,000 square foot facility, as well as a renovated adjacent existing 18,000 square foot facility. The new school will include 32 new classrooms, 20 special education/ small group learning classrooms, 11 science and technology labs, three music rooms (including practice rooms), two art rooms, a 600-seat auditorium (with stage for full productions), a full service cafeteria, a

Paterson School District Holds Ribbon Cutting for New Science Academy



New P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy is Result of Partnership with NASA

SCC representatives also joined Paterson School District educators, area officials and community supporters in the month of September for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the P.A.N.T.H.E.R. (Paterson And NASA Together for **H**igh **E**xpectations and **R**esults) Academy, a unique new state-of-the-art aerospace studies high school designed for students pursuing a math and science curriculum.



The event featured a Ribbon Cutting, Planetarium presentation, and tours of the new 30,000-square-foot structure. The P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy's 10 new classrooms, chemistry labs, physics lab, computer lab, and media center are providing educational opportunities for approximately 200 high school students. P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy is a partnership between the Paterson School District and NASA.

The SCC provided \$9.8 million in funding and oversaw construction of the new science academy in the North Jersey municipality as part of the state's school construction program. The P.A.N.T.H.E.R. Academy also includes a 15,000-square-foot, 3-story planetarium dome.



SCC, Fairfield Educators Break Ground For New 600-Student Elementary School



*State Funding \$10.6 Million for Pre-K to 8th Grade Project
To Replace 2 Aging Schools in Cumberland County Community*

Hundreds turned out for a major school construction milestone in the Cumberland County community of Fairfield Township: a Groundbreaking Ceremony to mark the start of construction of a new 21st century school to replace two antiquated facilities.

Students, teachers, parents, residents, along with local and state and officials, attended the event held by Fairfield Township School District and SCC in this rural township of 5,700. SCC is funding \$10.6 million toward the \$16.2 million project. Local voters overwhelmingly approved the new school at a bond referendum thanks to a concerted grassroots effort that brought the community together.

The new one-story 75,000-square-foot school is being built near the present middle school on Bridgeton-Millville Pike in the township's Gouldtown section. It will provide state-of-the-art educational opportunities for 600 pre-Kindergarten-through-8th grade students. The new school, which will include 31 classrooms, a science lab, media center and cafetorium, will replace a primary school in the township's Fairton section and the middle school that date back to the 1920s. Work is due for completion in 2006. The existing middle school will be razed after the new school is completed.

School Superintendent Thomas Smith said that SCC, by funding nearly 65 percent of the project, has greatly eased the burden on local taxpayers.

Thomas C. Lane IV has devoted his life to education. The present township school board president, Lane is a retired Bridgeton school superintendent, former teacher and principal in the Fairfield District – and one of the moving forces behind the new school.



Assemblymen John J. Burzichelli and Douglas H. Fisher, Legislative District 3, Thomas Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Thomas C. Lane IV, School Board President, Joseph Everett Lloyd, Fairfield Township Mayor

SCC, Bridgeton Educators Dedicate New Pre-School



*'Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center'
Named in Honor of Former Superintendent*



Pre-school Classroom

Bridgeton School District officials and SCC representatives formally dedicated a pre-school addition at Buckshutem Elementary School as the “Dr. Geraldyn O. Foster Early Childhood Center” in honor of the retired superintendent who was instrumental in bringing about the new facility in Bridgeton. Students, teachers, parents and community supporters, as well as state, county and local officials, were on hand for the event.

The 60,250-square-foot addition provides 24 new classrooms for up to 360 pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students in the Cumberland County school district. The new facility also includes a gymnasium, a cafetorium with stage, a kitchen, a small group instruction classroom and administrative offices.

This \$11 million project was fully funded and managed by SCC.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

The SCC awarded 4 construction packages in 3 districts during the month of September for combined construction cost estimates totaling \$2,626,450. These awards will involve 4 schools in various districts including: East Orange, Vineland and Irvington (2).

As of September 30, 2004, the SCC has entered into 417 construction contracts that total \$1,939,936,974.

Contractor Procurement

The SCC advertised 30 construction packages for 14 school districts in the month of September, which will impact 21 schools. (Exhibit B.)

Design bids were sought for 2 schools in 2 districts in September as well. (Exhibit C.)

Design update

In September, SCC's Board of Directors awarded a \$2.4 million design consultant contract to NJ K-12 Architects of New Brunswick for an addition and renovations at Keansburg High School.

The design work will entail a 70,286-square-foot addition and renovations to the existing 80,685-square-foot high school in the Monmouth County school district. The state-of-the-art expansion will provide 21st century educational opportunities for about 500 students. The addition will include general classrooms, an auditorium with stage, a performing arts area, media technology center, auxiliary gym, weight room and locker room.

Over \$2 million in health and safety work already has been completed at Keansburg High School, including roofing, mechanical and power system upgrades and the installation of fire alarms, emergency lighting, doors, windows and a communications system.

The design, expected to be completed within a year, will be followed by a 15- to 18-month construction period, with completion projected by mid 2007. The current construction cost estimate is \$24.6 million.

In September, SCC issued 4 notices to proceed for design projects in as many districts, the total construction cost estimate for these projects is \$72,236,000.

As of September 30, 2004, the SCC has entered into 262 design contracts with a total value of \$329,158,231, as well as assumed an additional 74 architectural assignments that totaled \$98,161,241.

Predevelopment & Land Acquisition

At the September Board meeting, the directors granted contingent approval for land acquisition to take place for several projects. One such approval was for a 2.029-acre tract of land along Central Avenue between Harrison and Summer Streets in the City of Passaic to make way for the Central Avenue Elementary School. The new school will be a 3-story, 113,620 gross square foot facility that will serve 668 students Pre-K through fifth grade.

Another acquisition contingently approved at the Board's September meeting was for 1.15 acres in West New York. This property will be used for Public School #6, the Harry L. Bain replacement school. The overall project involves a 5-story, 110,745 square foot

facility that include underground parking. The school will serve a projected enrollment of 705.

As of September 30, 2004, the SCC has entered into 1,132 site acquisition contracts for appraisals, site evaluations, environmental investigations, title services and actual acquisitions totaling \$246,900,456.

School District Grants

The SCC executed 34 Section 15 grants with 14 districts that receive less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The total project costs for these grants are expected to be \$53,898,444, with a state share anticipated to be worth \$18,895,373 of that total.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in September. Montclair in Essex County will receive 15 grants for projects at their schools. The total projects costs are expected to be \$2,427,035, with a state share of \$970,813. The Freehold Regional High School District in Monmouth County will receive \$342,180 toward 3 projects, worth \$855,450. Elmwood Park in Bergen County will receive 2 grants for their schools with total project costs of \$33,065,433, of which the state will pay \$10,314,298.

As of September 30, 2004, the SCC has executed 1,626 Section 15 grant agreements with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid for total project amounts of \$5,174,295,174, for which the state share totaled \$1,598,366,526. In 2004 alone, 153 districts in 20 counties received \$329,595,221 in direct property tax relief as the state share for projects that totaled \$1,079,780,256.

Office of Diversity and Emerging Business Markets

SCC presented a number of events in the month of September in an effort to increase the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women, and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. One such event was the Hispanic Business Summit, which took place in Iselin. Attendees to the event received a presentation from the CEO regarding an overview of the SCC and the current overall status of the construction program, as well as upcoming business opportunities and procurement guidance.

The CEO was also honored at a separate event in Newark Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County 16th Annual Corporate Lunch, where he was presented with the Chamber's Public Service Award. This event was established to recognize and honor individuals, private businesses, and public agencies that have contributed significantly to improving the quality of life for Essex County's Hispanic Community.

The Office of Diversity also sponsored a public presentation on SCC's Small Business and Pre-Apprenticeship Programs at the East Orange Board of Education and a forum sponsored by the Concerned Black Clergy from Camden during the month of September. Panel presentation followed by questions and answers at both events included topics

ranging from upcoming school procurements, land acquisition, relocation and diversity-workforce issues and programs.

SCC also sponsored a Small Business Seminar, entitled “Where are the School Contracts?” at the Marriott Hotel in Trenton. The seminar included the Project Management Firm for the Trenton School District, Hill International, Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce MTAACC and QWIC, Inc (Qualified Women/Minorities in Construction). Businesses were invited to showcase themselves and meet the General Contractors and Sub-Contractors currently working on the SCC Construction projects in the City of Trenton.

Conferences/Presentations

NJ Alliance for Action Inc. “Where’s The Work? V”, 9/9/2004, Hightstown

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Middle School, 9/9/2004, West New York

New PANTHER Academy Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9/9/2004, Paterson

Buckshutem Early Childhood Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9/10/2004, Bridgeton

NJ Regional Council of Carpenters Annual Convention, 9/10/2004, Atlantic City

Public Presentation of Small Business and Pre-Apprenticeship Program, 9/13/2004, East Orange

Stevens Civil Engineering Club Meeting, 9/14/2004, Edison

Hispanic Business Summit, 9/15/2004, Iselin

Concerned Black Clergy from Camden School Forum, 9/16/2004, Camden

Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County 16th Annual Corporate Lunch, 9/23/2004, Newark

Small Business Seminar – Where Are The School Contracts?, 9/23/2004, Trenton

OSHA 502 “Trainer Refresher”, 9/27/2004, Edison

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony New Jose Marti Middle School, 9/28/2004, Union City

Garfield Early Childhood Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 9/29/2004, Garfield

Construction Owners Summit, 9/29/2004, New York City

High Performance Schools Seminar, 9/29/2004, Trenton

Society for Marketing Professional Services Conference, 9/30/2004, Newark

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Attachments

District	Schools	Description of Work	Contract Award	Notice to Proceed
East Orange	New - Langston Hughes Replacement	Construct new chain link fence, vehicle parking stripes, precast concrete wheel stop, rolling gate and curb cuts along South Clinton Street. Remove existing tree in the proposed parking lot area. Provide two (2) new chain link rolling gates along Burnet Street. Reopen the existing driveway at Elmwood Avenue and Burnet Street. Remove existing masonry bollards at Burnet Street and Elmwood Avenue and replace four (4) storm inlets. Remove existing fence and replace with 3 feet high along Elmwood Avenue.	\$129,450.00	9/13/2004
Vineland	Veterans Memorial School	Demolition/Removal of three (3) existing Temporary Classroom Units (TCU's) and their associated utilities. Installation of five (5) new TCU units consisting of two (2) classrooms each for a total of ten (10) new classroom spaces. Included is the associated utility and site improvements as well as the associated steps, ramps, and decking to each unit.	\$1,027,100.00	9/13/2004
Irvington	University Six School	Interior fit out cellar storage spaces, construction of rear stairwell, and pre-purchase of new boilers. Work to be done in close coordination with other primes; (1)Demo & Abatement; (2)Painting	\$897,000.00	9/24/2004
Irvington	Augusta E.S.	Abatement work at the annex, the 1910 and the 1950 buildings. Work will require close coordination with other primes; (1)General Construction and (2)Demolition	\$572,900.00	9/29/2004

Construction Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of October 26, 2004

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertised Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Bid Due Date
NT-0036-C01 RB1	Hoboken	Hoboken High School Track Renovation	1	9/1/04	9/7/04	9/21/04
CA-0018-P01 RB1	Camden	Lanning Square ES Demolition	1	9/3/04	9/8/04	10/5/04
PA-0008-C01	Paterson	International HS – GC Package #1	1	9/14/04	9/16/04	10/14/04
HU-0004-C01	Union City	New Early Childhood Center	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	11/9/04
ES-0026-C01	Irvington	New Mt Vernon ES	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	11/15/04
ST-0016-C01	Vineland	New Elementary School	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	11/15/04
ST-0019-C03	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/21/04
ST-0019-C04	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/28/04
ST-0019-C05	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/28/04
ST-0019-C06	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/29/04
ST-0019-C07	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/29/04
ST-0019-C08	Gloucester	Gloucester City H.S.	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	10/29/04
ET-0043-C01	Long Branch	New Gregory ES	1	9/16/04	9/21/04	11/16/04
ST-0018-C01	Vineland	New School Construction	1	9/15/04	9/20/04	11/4/04
ET-0041-C02	Asbury Park	Thurgood Marshall ES	1	9/15/04	9/21/04	11/4/04
ST-0018-C02	Vineland	IT Infrastructure – SBE	1	9/15/04	9/21/04	11/4/04

Design **Bid Advertising and Bid Due Dates as of October 26, 2004**

Package #	District	Description of Work	# of Schools	Advertised Web Date	Advertised Newspaper Date	Form 200 Due Date
ET-0074-A01	Plainfield	Cook Elementary School	1	9/14/04	N/A	9/17/04
ET-0073-A01	New Brunswick	Paul Robeson Community School	1	9/14/04	N/A	9/17/04