



MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of the Corporation

FROM: Peter Maricondo
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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC)
October 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 program highlights in October included a ceremonial groundbreaking for East Orange's new Cicely Tyson School of Fine and Performing Arts, the third of six New Jersey Demonstration Projects to get under way since May. There also was a groundbreaking for an elementary school in Newark and a celebration for the expansion of a middle school and elementary school in Neptune. Also in October, the SCC executed 41 Section 15 grants that impacted 39 schools in 12 counties with 21 districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. These grants supported projects totaling nearly \$103 million – with a state share totaling nearly \$28 million.

Since inception, SCC has committed support to over 2,700 school construction projects at nearly 1,800 schools. Currently, SCC has 73 new school projects completed or under construction and another 59 in the pipeline. SCC is building early childhood education centers, launching school-based community revitalization efforts and strengthening the economy by creating job and business opportunities for companies large and small.



East Orange Breaks Ground For Community School Demonstration Project

The third of six New Jersey Demonstration Projects got under way October 12th with a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Cicely Tyson School of Fine and Performing Arts, a \$115 million community school in East Orange designed to be the cornerstone of revitalization efforts in the Essex County city's Main Street area.

Ms. Tyson, the Emmy Award-winning and Academy Award-nominated actress, was among the guest speakers. Others included East Orange educators, local and state officials and representatives of the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC), which is providing the funding for the performing arts magnet community school combining the Cicely Tyson School of Fine and Performing Arts and the acclaimed Washington Academy of Music. There also were performances by choirs of the Tyson School and Washington Academy.



The 309,000-square-foot school will accommodate 1,300 students from pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade. It will be built on the site of the former East Orange High School, which is being razed to create an 11-acre campus in the area of Main and North Walnut streets. There will be separate buildings for pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children, and students in 1st-through-4th grades, 5th-through-8th grades and 9th through 12th grades.

Superintendent Dr. Laval S. Wilson said, "The East Orange School District is among a small number of school districts nationwide that has partnered with other public and private agencies to fund, build and operate a world-class performing arts facility for its students and community."

East Orange Mayor Robert L. Bowser stated, “The groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Cicely Tyson School for the Fine and Performing Arts is a proud achievement for our great city. This development is a critical component in our efforts to revitalize our city by fostering the strategic redevelopment of Lower Main and Walnut Street into a new vibrant neighborhood and commercial corridor. I take great pride in the unprecedented team effort between the City and the East Orange School District to design a plan that merges the city’s vision for redevelopment with the needs of the school district. A plan that will provide state of the art facilities for our children and our citizens and a plan that ultimately won the SCC’s designation as a Schools Demonstration site.”



The State has approved six Demonstration Projects with schools as anchors to attract new housing and retail opportunities. Projects are now under way in Vineland, Union City and East Orange, with others on tap for Camden, Trenton and New Brunswick. The SCC funds each project’s school component. The East Orange project is being co-developed by the city and school district, Triad Associates and Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc.



Groundbreaking for New First Avenue Elementary School in Newark

A groundbreaking ceremony was held October 14th for a new elementary school to replace Newark’s First Avenue School. The present First Avenue School was built 75 years ago with a capacity for 450 students. Enrollment of the Kindergarten through 8th grade is now almost double and temporary classroom units occupy the playground.

The new \$39.3 million school will include a library, auditorium, computer and science labs and a cafeteria with a kitchen. It will be located three blocks from the present school in the city's North Ward and will be bounded by First Avenue, Sixth Street, Second Avenue and Seventh Street.

Representatives of New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) joined Newark Public Schools Superintendent Marion A. Bolden, Principal Anthony C. Orsini, Advisory Board Members, students, staff, parents and members of the community at the groundbreaking event along with city, county and state representatives. The First Avenue School Bell Ringers and student chorus performed. The SCC is fully funding and managing the new school project. The general contractor is Hall Construction Company Incorporated of Howell, NJ. The architect is Robert Blakeman of Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor (PS&S) Architecture of Warren, NJ.



Neptune Celebrates Expansion of Middle School and Gables School

Students, parents, teachers and community leaders gathered October 20th to celebrate the addition and renovations to Neptune Middle School and Gables Elementary School at a Dedication and Open House held by Neptune Township School District and New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC). A ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by tours of the facilities, which are part of a major district-wide expansion program.

The \$19.1 million projects, funded and managed by the SCC, added a 3-story 43,150-square-foot science wing and renovations to the existing 73,100-square-foot Middle School, accommodating 1,000 students in grades 6th through 8th, and renovated the 53,500-square-foot Gables School, housing 500 pre-K through 5th grade students.

The Middle School includes 85 new and refurbished classrooms, science and technology labs, a cafeteria and gym. Upgrades to Gables School include a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and lighting. The schools are off Heck Avenue on the same campus as Neptune High School, which also is being expanded and renovated. David Crutcher, SCC Communications Director, said, 'We at the SCC are proud to be able to play a part in this project and thank you for including us here today. The State is only one component of a dedicated group without whose support these projects would not

have been completed: Mayor Thomas Catley, former Superintendent Michael Lake and current Superintendent David Mooij, the members of the Neptune Township Board of Education—and many others. This partnership has built something truly important, something not measured in bricks and mortar – this partnership has helped create a very bright tomorrow for many of the children of Neptune Township.

District officials said the Neptune Middle and Gables Elementary School projects marked major steps toward completing the Board of Education’s plans to renovate and expand every facility within the district and build two new schools. SCC projects completed in the district’s \$200 million five-year plan include Neptune Early Childhood Center, Neptune High School Annex and Shark River Hills Elementary School.

Construction Update

Construction Starts

The SCC awarded 3 construction packages in 3 districts during the month of October for combined construction cost estimates totaling \$40,240,000. These awards involve 3 schools in districts including: Newark, Harrison and Perth Amboy. (Exhibit A)

As of October 31, 2005, the SCC has entered into construction contracts that total \$2,510,152,130 since the inception of the program.

Contractor Procurement

The SCC advertised one construction package in October impacting schools in the Newark district. (Exhibit B)

School District Grants

In October 2005, the SCC executed 41 Section 15 grants with 21 districts receiving less than 55% of their funding in state aid. The grants impacted 39 schools in 12 counties throughout the State. The total project costs for these grants are \$102,575,877, which qualified for a state share totaling \$27,992,034.

Several districts received multiple grant awards in October, including the Englewood City District in Bergen County, which will receive grants for 8 school projects costing a total of \$48,000,281 with a state share of \$14,751,046. North Haledon District in Passaic County received a state grant of \$6,507,275 for two projects totaling \$30,342,558. Multiple grants also were received by other districts in Bergen, Camden, Essex, Monmouth, Passaic and Somerset counties.

From its inception in 2002 through October 31, 2005, the SCC has executed 2,332 Section 15 grant agreements in all 21 counties with districts that receive less than 55% of their budget in state aid. Total project costs amount to \$6,928,781,157, for which the state share totaled \$2,145,889,314. In 2005 alone, 180 districts in 21 counties have been earmarked for \$502,368,965 in direct property tax relief as the state share of project costs that totaled \$1,555,947,378.

Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government And Community Affairs

The Schools Construction Corporation Division of Diversity, Small Business, Government and Community Affairs 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 Division encourages firms that do business with the SCC to support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. At every opportunity, the Division 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 at www.njscc.com.



Conferences/Presentations

East Orange Demonstration Project Groundbreaking, 10/12/2005, East Orange

Newark First Avenue School Groundbreaking Ceremony, 10/14/2005, Newark

Professional Women in Construction, 10/18/2005, Newark

The Society for Marketing Professional Services, 10/19/2005, New York City

New Jersey Institutional Investors' Forum VIII, 10/20/2005, Newark

Neptune Middle and Gable Elementary Schools Dedication Ceremony,
10/20/2005, Neptune

NJ School Boards Association 2005 Annual Workshop, 10/26-28/2005,
Atlantic City

Regional Alliance for Small Contractors OCIP Presentation, 10/27/2005, East
Hanover

Bond Readiness Workshop, 10/28/2005, Burlington County College Business and
Career Development Center

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Attachments

Construction Award Status Report

<u>District</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Notice to Proceed</u>
Newark	New 550 student ES replace existing (100K SF) (1st Ave replacement)	The work involves construction of a new 183,257 sq. ft two-story school facility with below grade parking.	\$39,333,000.00	10/7/2005
Harrison	New Harrison High School (-x01)	Synthetic turf to be installed for athletic fields.	\$1,162,000.00	10/14/2005
Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy H.S.	Replacement of existing natural turf athletic field with artificial turf.	\$838,000.00	10/14/2005

