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Christie Administration Marks Opening of New School No. 16 in Paterson



PATERSON, NJ - The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) today joined Paterson students, as well as federal, state and local officials to mark the opening of the new School No. 16, one of seven new or renovated facilities the SDA opened this month.

“With the opening of two new schools in Paterson this month, and the occupancy of the former Paterson Catholic High school by the Don Bosco students, the SDA is making great strides toward relieving the overcrowding that exists here,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “The new School 16 is an exceptional learning center that provides educational spaces and technology to help students learn, grow and thrive.”

The new 109,500 square-foot School No. 16 was designed to educate approximately 700 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grades. The facility includes 22 general use classrooms, four pre-kindergarten classrooms, three kindergarten classrooms, specialized instruction classrooms and labs, a media center, a gymnasium and a cafeteria with stage.

The new school is on track to be submitted for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (“LEED®”) Gold certification. As a result of the design-builder’s pursuit of this certification, different LEED elements were incorporated into the design including solar panels on the school’s roof and energy efficient equipment and fixtures.

"This is an exciting day for Paterson Public Schools and we want to thank our local community advocates for their steadfast support in making today a reality," said Superintendent Dr. Donnie Evans. "We are also appreciative of the SDA's commitment to create a 21st century learning environment that includes one-to-one technology for all students and staff. Additionally, the new School 16 is on its way to becoming our district's first "LEED Gold" certified school for its inclusion of highly sustainable "green" systems such as the use of solar power."

The school was built using the design-build approach. This method differs from the traditional approach in that it allows SDA to contract with one firm for both design and construction of a school facilities project. The design-build method also allows for some design and construction activities to proceed concurrently through phased advancement, an approach that potentially allows for improvement upon the original overall schedule.

Hall Construction Company, Inc. of Howell, New Jersey was the design-build contractor, worked in partnership with DIGroup Architecture of New Brunswick on the design. GREYHAWK North America, LLC was the construction manager for the project. The total estimated project costs were \$62.4 million.

The SDA has invested more than \$415 million in completed projects in Paterson alone including eight Capital projects (School #16, Dr. Hani Awadallah E.S., International H.S., Number 24 E.S., Madison Avenue K Center, John F. Kennedy H.S., Roberto Clemente E.S., PANTHER Academy) and 56 health and safety/grant/emergent projects.

In 2016 alone, the SDA will open nine new or renovated school facilities in communities throughout the State. These projects provide nearly 8,500 new seats and represent a state investment of more than \$553 million. 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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