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## **CHRISTIE ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES ADVANCEMENT OF FUTURE NEW PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL**

PERTH AMBOY – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced the advancement of the new Perth Amboy High School, following the Perth Amboy Public Schools' acquisition of the future site. This new high school project will be the largest single school building that the SDA has undertaken to date.

“Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in the process to construct a new Perth Amboy High School,” said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. “Through productive partnerships and with the site needed to build a new high school in place, we are on track to fulfill this Administration’s commitment towards delivery of a project that will help address the overcrowding that exists here in Perth Amboy schools.”

Standing at the site, formerly home to the Delaney Homes Public Housing development, officials announced that Perth Amboy Public Schools has completed the purchase of the 11.63-acre property from the Perth Amboy Housing Authority.

Perth Amboy Superintendent Dr. David A. Roman and Perth Amboy Board of Education President Samuel W. Lebreault were joined by third grade students at today’s event. In a statement, the District officials said, “the collective commitment of stakeholders of Perth Amboy coming together to support the building of a new high school for the children of our community provides an opportunity for our students to have the quintessential resources required to receive a quality education. The investment in our students’ education will serve to establish a momentous progression towards fulfilling our community and our nation’s future endeavors.”

The SDA anticipates that the new, state-of-the-art school will be an approximately 535,000-square-foot facility designed to educate 2,800 students in grades nine to twelve. The preliminary estimated project costs total \$234 million.

“I would like to personally thank the School Development Authority for making this special community announcement and especially for their investment in our City,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. “This new facility will provide an opportunity for our students and school staff members to have access to better tools and space to accommodate each and every child!”

Through the efficient and responsible school construction program implemented under the Christie Administration, the SDA will construct this new school in a way that not only ensures the efficient use of taxpayer dollars, but also utilizes design standards and construction practices that encourage quality and durability.

The SDA is also currently advancing the new Seaman Avenue Elementary School project which is currently in the design phase of the design-build contract. To date, the SDA has invested more than \$77 million in completed projects in Perth Amboy. 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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