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SCC BOARD APPROVES CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN *Remaining funds to be used to best meet educational needs of NJ's students*

Trenton, NJ (July 27, 2005) — In an effort to best meet the educational needs of New Jersey's students, the New Jersey Schools Construction Corporation (SCC) Board of Directors today approved a Capital Construction Plan for the agency's remaining Abbott funds. There are 59 projects in the plan that are recommended for construction.

The prioritization process for the project selection contained several checks and balances to ensure fairness and equity. First, a Special Committee of the Board, which included the Department of Education, the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office, selected the projects to be included based on certain educational and programmatic criteria, as well as an equitable distribution of funding.

Once the Special Committee selected the projects, the members of the Board's three standing committees reviewed the list of schools. Then, the plan was sent to the full Board today for final approval.

"The overall goal of this process was to allocate the SCC's remaining funds in a fiscally responsible way and to build schools where they are most needed," said Alfred C. Koeppel, Chairman of the Board. "It was appropriate for the Special Committee to address this issue because it required much more than construction judgments. I want to thank the Committee for their time and effort."

Examples of the criteria that the Special Committee used when selecting projects included schools that: were a high priority for the district, address overcrowding or health and safety issues, serve as early childhood centers, are well along in the design or land acquisition process, or are in districts that have had little progress in their construction program.

The projects included in the Capital Construction Plan are those that are recommended for construction. In order for the SCC to build all of the schools included in the plan, the construction budgets of each school must be met. While the SCC has developed a strict construction budget for each of the projects, unforeseen circumstances may cause the cost of a project to exceed its original estimated amount.

"With improved financial oversight and new internal controls underway, the SCC—to the extent possible—will take every step necessary to ensure that projects stay on budget and that every dollar is spent wisely," said Koeppel. "These controls, which were put in place as a result of the Inspector General's review, will allow us to maximize our remaining funds and get more value for the taxpayers' dollar."

[List](#) – Special Committee List of Projects Recommended for Completion

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Special Committee List of Projects Recommended for Completion

<i>School District</i>	<i>School Name</i>	<i>School Type</i>	<i>Construction Type</i>
Asbury Park	Asbury Middle School	Middle School	Addition to Existing Facility
Camden City	Pyne Point Family M. S.	Middle School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Camden City	Dudley E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
Camden City	H. B. Wilson E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
Camden City	Morgan Village M.S.	Middle School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
City of Orange Township	Lincoln Avenue E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
City of Orange Township	Park Avenue E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
East Orange	Mildred B. Garvin MicroSociety Sch	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
East Orange	ES #5	Elementary School	New Construction
Elizabeth	New pre K-8 #27	Elementary School	New Construction
Elizabeth	New pre K-8 School #28	Elementary School	New Construction
Elizabeth	School #21, Victor Mravtrag E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Garfield	James Madison School 10 (Most Holy Name)	Elementary School	New Construction
Harrison	Harrison HS (athletic field)	High School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Hoboken	Salvatore R. Calabro, No. 4 E.S.	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Hoboken	Thomas G. Connors E.S.	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Irvington Township	Augusta E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Jersey City	Number 24 E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Jersey City	Number 34 (Health & Safety)	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Jersey City	ECC 03	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Jersey City	ECC 13	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Jersey City	ECC 14	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Keansburg Borough	New Beachway Elementary School	Elementary School	New Construction
Long Branch	Gregory E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
Long Branch	Elberon E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
New Brunswick	A. Chester Redshaw E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
New Brunswick	K Center Three	Elementary School	New Construction
New Brunswick	Paul Robeson Community E.S.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Newark	West Side H.S.	High School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Newark	Gladys Hillman-Jones M.S.	Middle School	Addition to Existing Facility
Newark	New First Avenue	Elementary School	New Construction
Newark	Speedway Ave.	Elementary School	New Construction
Newark	Park School	Elementary School	New Construction
Newark	Various Emergent H&S Projects (Aprox 40 Schools)		
Passaic City	New ES at Main Ave Site	Elementary School	New Construction

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Passaic City	New ES at Henry St.	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Passaic City	New Middle School	Middle School	New Construction
Passaic City	New ES - First Street	Elementary School	New Construction
Paterson	Number 24 E.S.	Elementary School	Addition to Existing Facility
Paterson	New Elementary School at Marshall & Hazel	Elementary School	New Construction
Paterson	Marshal Street Bridge **	Pedestrian bridge	
Paterson	Roberto Clemente ES/K-Center	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Paterson	International High School Academy	High School	New Construction
Paterson	Number 25 E.S.	Elementary School	Addition to Existing Facility
Pemberton Township	Early Childhood Center	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Perth Amboy	Perth Amboy H.S. (athletic field)	High School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Perth Amboy	Early Childhood Center II	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Perth Amboy	Seaman Avenue School	Elementary School	New Construction
Plainfield	Emerson E.S.	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
Pleasantville	Decatur Ave Alternative High School	High School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Trenton	Trenton Central H.S- Proj A.(Class Rm Add)	High School	New Construction
Trenton	Roebing School	Elementary School	Addition and Rehab of Existing Facility
Trenton	Trenton Head Start New Early Childhood Center	Early Childhood School	New Construction
Union City (Hudson Co.)	Jose Marti School Athletic Field	Middle School	New Construction
Union City (Hudson Co.)	New Elementary School- Columbus Replacement	Elementary School	New Construction
Vineland City	Vineland Middle School #2	Middle School	New Construction
West New York	Harry L. Bain E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
West New York	Number 3 E.S.	Elementary School	New Construction
West New York	Number 2 E.S.	Elementary School	Rehab of Existing Facility
** Construction of the pedestrian bridge is a necessary component of the New Elementary School at Marshall & Hazel for safety reasons.			