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NJSDA Celebrates Read Across America Week at Kennedy Elementary School



SDA CEO Manuel Da Silva visited Kennedy Elementary School in Harrison to celebrate Read Across America week. During his visit, Mr. Da Silva read a book to a class of kindergarten students and a class of first grade students.

The Kennedy Elementary School, which opened to students in September 2020, was constructed to alleviate the overcrowding that existed in the lower grade levels in the Harrison School District. This 65,500 square-foot facility current educates approximately 330 students in Pre-Kindergarten to first grade.

The Kennedy Elementary School facility includes 20 general classrooms, two self-contained special education classrooms, as well as a cafetorium, gymnasium, outdoor play space and necessary support spaces. Consistent with NJSDA standards, this school was delivered with 1:1 student-device technology.

About the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

The SDA is the State agency responsible for fully funding and managing the new construction, modernization and renovation of school facilities projects in 31 SDA Districts. Its current portfolio of active projects is valued at approximately \$2 billion – including the Capital Project portfolio, emergent projects and Regular Operating District grants. Since the program’s inception, the SDA has provided funding for and management oversight of more than 900 completed school facilities projects in SDA Districts and has executed more than 5,400 grants for Regular Operating Districts throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information about the SDA, please visit our website at: www.njsda.gov or follow us on social media at: [Facebook](#); [Instagram](#); [LinkedIn](#); or [Twitter](#).