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# Press Release

## Construction Underway at Columbus Elementary School #3



*Union City, NJ.* The first stage of the much-anticipated construction of Union City's newest school – Columbus Elementary School #3 – is officially underway. A contract has been awarded to Chanree Construction Co. of Manasquan, NJ. The estimated \$25 million construction project, part of a multi-billion-dollar school overhaul initiative by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, is slated to be completed by August 2011.

Designed by RSC Architects in conjunction with HOK, the tight urban location presented several challenges to the team of architects and engineers. The new school, which will accommodate children from Kindergarten through Grade 5, will be constructed on the former site of the Christopher Columbus School. Using features such as underground parking and a rooftop playground, the architects creatively designed solutions to fit the proposed program spaces into the confined site. The new facility will house 35 classrooms, a media center, science labs, a gymnasium, art and music rooms, and a cafeteria with a full-service kitchen.

In order to preserve the various historical elements of the previous building on the site, the proposed design utilizes architectural salvage from the former school. For instance, the old classical porticos will be reused to create dramatic entryways in the school gymnasium.

Founded in 1971, RSC Architects is a full-service architectural firm that provides programming, planning, external and interior design, and construction administration. More information about the company can be found at [www.rscarchitects.com](http://www.rscarchitects.com).

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