

USDA gives loan to build charter school (AP)

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CLAYTON, Del. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency is supplying nearly \$13 million in federal loans for the new Providence Creek Academy Charter School in Clayton.

The loans were announced during a visit to the construction site by Sen. Tom Carper, Rep. Michael Castle and Rural Development State Director Marlene Elliott Brown.

The loans are being used for the purchase of the 33-acre site and for construction of the school building.

The school will support kindergarten through eighth grades. Officials say the new campus will have the same character as the existing school but with more space. It also will have an auditorium, which the current building doesn't have.

The new building is expected to open next fall.