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Christie Administration Announces Emergent Repairs To Begin at Three Newark Schools

TRENTON – Furthering Governor Christie's commitment to ensure students attend safe and healthy schools, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has approved the start of construction of emergent repair projects at two high schools and an elementary school in Newark.

These emergent projects are funded and managed by the SDA. The total cost for the three projects is approximately \$4.5 million.

A \$2,347,000 contract was awarded to Wallace Brothers, Inc. for roof, masonry and water infiltration repair projects at Malcolm X. Shabazz High School.

A \$1,488,000 contract was awarded to Catcord Construction Company, Inc. for roof and masonry repairs at Weequahic High School.

A \$628,000 contract was awarded to Grafas Painting Contractors, Inc. for an exterior masonry project at Bragaw Elementary School.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to health and safety issues. The schools were inspected by the SDA and the Department of Education (DOE), which authorized the repairs.

The SDA designs, constructs and fully funds new and renovated schools in SDA Districts. Emergent repair projects are either managed by the SDA or delegated to SDA Districts. The SDA currently has seven SDA District schools in active construction and 133 emergent projects.

Since its inception, the school construction program has completed 623 projects in SDA Districts. In addition to 55 new schools, it has provided funding for 46 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations; six demonstration projects and more than 500 other projects.