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## **Christie Administration Announces South River to Receive More Than \$7 Million Through Schools Development Authority's Regular Operating District Grant Program**

Furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has executed 16 state grants to the South River School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

### Projects:

South River High School: 1) Air conditioning upgrades; 2) Window and exterior door replacement; 3) Upgrades to the music room and auditorium - new seating, stage rigging, acoustic treatment, sound system, instrument storage and finishes; 4) Renovation of four existing science labs and two work/prep rooms - new casework, lab tables, additional storage and finishes; 5) Renovation of existing boys' and girls' locker rooms - new plumbing fixtures, lockers, benches, lighting and finishes; 6) Restroom upgrades; 7) Library alterations; 8) Gym upgrades - removal and replacement of bleachers, wood floor, basketball backstops and equipment; 9) Electrical system upgrades; 10) Gym roof replacement; 11) Security system upgrades; 12) Technology infrastructure upgrades; 13) Reconfiguration of existing World Languages office and a restroom into a special needs science lab; 14) Installation of new lighting fixtures with occupancy sensors in existing gym, auditorium and locker/training rooms; 15) Fire stair upgrades.

New South River Primary School: Sidewalk repairs - sidewalk and curb improvements through the athletic field site and along Johnson Place to become barrier-free compliant.

State share: \$7,186,565

Local share: \$7,005,838

Estimated total project cost: \$14,192,403

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in cooperation with the Department of Education, announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 561 grants. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided nearly \$174 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$379 million. Funding for

the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).