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**Christie Administration Announces Lumberton Township
to Receive \$79,468 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 two state grants to the Lumberton Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Florence L. Walther Elementary School: HVAC upgrades; New lighting in multi-purpose room; New emergency generator, clock system, fire alarm system, and kitchen walk-in boxes.

Bobby's Run Elementary School: HVAC, communication system, and fire alarm system upgrades.

State share: \$79,468

Local share: \$113,150

Estimated total project cost: \$192,618

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 835 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 over \$262.4 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$609.3 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

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