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Christie Administration Announces Mahwah to Receive \$558,811 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 three state grants to the Mahwah Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Mahwah High School: Remove and replace boilers in the 1984 addition.

Betsy Ross Elementary School: Remove and replace mechanical equipment in original section of school as well as the mechanical equipment in the storefront system in the hallway and the Kindergarten classrooms; repair roof drainage problems.

George Washington Elementary School: Remove and replace 13 unit ventilators.

State share: \$558,811

Local share: \$838,216

Estimated total project cost: \$1,397,027

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 860 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 more than \$270.4 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$627.4 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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