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## **Christie Administration Advances Emergent Repair Project in Millville**

**TRENTON** – As part of Governor Christie’s commitment to ensuring New Jersey’s school facilities are safe learning environments for all students, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has advanced construction of an emergent repair project at Holly Heights Elementary School in Millville. More emergent projects have been completed under this Administration than any prior administration.

“The Christie Administration is committed to providing quality educational environments in which the children of New Jersey can thrive,” said CEO Marc Larkins. “We will continue to address the most critical needs of our districts, not just in Millville but throughout the State.”

The emergent repair project includes roofing repairs at Holly Heights Elementary School. Holly Heights Elementary School educates over 530 students in kindergarten through fifth grades.

The SDA has invested more than \$53 million in completed projects in Millville, including two capital projects.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. Emergent projects include the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, exterior masonry, heating and cooling systems, and plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems, and also address water infiltration issues.

Prior to the Christie Administration, funds available for these projects were nearly exhausted and project review procedures were insufficient, making it difficult to prioritize critical projects in a deliberate and cost efficient manner. In 2011, the SDA and Department of Education (DOE) launched a statewide effort to identify and evaluate eligible emergent conditions in the 31 SDA Districts. The conditions that were evaluated and validated had been reported by the local districts.

The SDA manages many projects identified as emergent, while others are delegated for District management, depending upon the project’s scope and complexity. The Holly Heights Elementary School emergent project has been delegated to Millville Public Schools for management. For those projects that are delegated, the SDA executes a grant agreement with the District, which is then responsible for procuring and disbursing payments to the consultants and contractors. The SDA maintains oversight throughout this process.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$86 million), emergent projects (\$43 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$743 million state share).

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