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**Christie Administration Announces Penn Grove–Carneys Point Regional  
to Receive \$160,949 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 Penns Grove–Carneys Point Regional School District through the SDA’s Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Paul W. Carleton Elementary School: Construction of new staff and visitor parking lot for 20 spaces and storm water improvements as required.

Lafayette-Pershing Elementary School: Construction of new staff and visitor parking lot for 20 spaces and storm water improvements as required.

State share: \$160,949

Local share: \$57,801

Estimated total project cost: \$218,750

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 869 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 \$273.9 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$634.3 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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