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## **Christie Administration Announces Construction Of Emergent Repairs In East Orange**

TRENTON - Following through on Governor Christie's commitment to providing New Jersey's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration announced today that the Schools Development Authority (SDA) recently began work on an emergent project at Ecole Toussaint Louverture Elementary School in East Orange. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

"Working with our partner school districts to extend the life of existing school buildings is a priority of the Christie Administration," said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. "Our partnership with East Orange has resulted in significant improvements in the District's schools and we are excited about the improvements in this building for the upcoming school year."

A general construction contract for \$248,000 was awarded to Molba Construction of Little Ferry, New Jersey. The emergent project will remedy water infiltration issues at the school. The work includes replacing the auditorium ceiling, replacing damaged wood framing, painting the ceiling and walls, re-caulking all windows along the Central Avenue side of the building, re-pointing third floor exterior masonry, installing new furring and gypsum board along the Central Avenue side of the building and providing new code compliant lighting and smoke alarms/detectors.

Work at Ecole Toussaint Louverture Elementary School, which educates more than 300 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, began in June 2013 and is anticipated for completion in August 2013.

"It is important that the students in East Orange have facilities that allow them to focus on their academic studies," said Superintendent Dr. Gloria Scott. "The State's Emergent Project Program helps Districts like East Orange make the necessary repairs to their school facilities so the students have the best learning experience possible."

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA District school facilities in need of repair and rehabilitation. Emergent projects include the repair or replacement of roofs; windows; exterior masonry; heating and cooling systems; plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems, and address water infiltration issues.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$271 million in completed projects in East Orange alone including six Capital projects, one Demonstration project, five emergent projects and 16 health and safety/grant projects. 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 (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$577 million state share).

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