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Christie Administration Announces Construction Of Emergent Repairs In Salem City

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 Salem High School in Salem City. To date, the SDA has invested \$3.2 million for eight completed health and safety/grant projects in Salem City. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

"The Christie Administration is committed to partnering with school districts throughout the state to provide schools that are structurally sound and healthy places for New Jersey's children to learn," said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. "Cooperative efforts like this one in Salem City will ensure that New Jersey students are afforded the best possible educational opportunities."

A general construction contract for \$647,271 was awarded to Hall Construction Co., Inc. of Howell, New Jersey. The emergent project will remedy water infiltration issues at the school. The work includes a roof replacement over the rotunda, entry lobby, canopy and wings E, K and part of C of the school building. Work at Salem High School, a 142,841 square foot facility which educates more than 450 students in ninth through twelfth grade, began in August 2013 and is scheduled for completion in October 2013.

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.

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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