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Christie Administration Announces North Bergen to Receive More Than \$3.7 Million in Grant Funding from Schools Development Authority

Trenton, NJ - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to providing New Jersey students with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced the North Bergen School District received five grants through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The projects represent \$6,455,701 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$3,704,036.93 which leverage the local contribution of \$2,751,664.07.

"These grants will go a long way towards providing safer learning environments for all of the students in North Bergen, both now and well into the future," said SDA CEO Marc Larkins.

North Bergen High School received three grants that will provide funds for 1) a 1-story addition adjacent to the existing Administration, Nurse/Health, Guidance and student use areas and an alteration of approximately 5,000 square-feet of existing space; 2) a repair and restoration of the brick façade, including installation of control and expansion joints and a limited roof repair; and 3) electrical upgrades. The two remaining grants will provide funds for window replacements at Franklin No. 3 Elementary School and Lincoln No. 5 Elementary School.

"The North Bergen School District strives to achieve excellence in education," said Interim Superintendent Dr. George J. Solter, Jr. "We are appreciative to have these grants which will give the North Bergen School District the opportunity to improve our facilities."

Since the Christie Administration announced the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 913 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. Since the program's inception, North Bergen School District has received more than \$10.6 million in grants through the SDA's ROD grant program.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided more than \$287.5 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of nearly \$675.3 million.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced that nearly a half billion dollars for additional grants would be made available for needed construction projects in Regular Operating Districts and County Vocational Schools across New Jersey. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents more than \$1.5 billion in total project costs.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
North Bergen High School - 1-story addition and alteration of approximately 5000 square-feet of existing space	\$1,499,212.00	\$827,591.00	\$671,621.00
North Bergen High School - Repair and restoration of the brick façade, including installation of control and expansion joints and a limited roof repair	\$1,079,111.00	\$626,250.71	\$452,860.29
North Bergen High School – Electrical upgrades	\$592,319.00	\$343,745.82	\$248,573.18
Franklin No. 3 Elementary School – Window replacement	\$1,751,403.00	\$1,016,408.29	\$734,994.71
Lincoln No. 5 Elementary School – Window replacement	\$1,533,656.00	\$890,041.11	\$643,614.89

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