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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 Middle School in Salem City. To date, the SDA has completed and invested \$3.8 million for nine projects in Salem City that will address health and safety issues. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than any other 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. "The ongoing collaboration between the SDA and the Salem City School District has resulted in significant improvements that address the District's most critical needs and ensure that Salem City students have an appropriate facility in which to excel."

Work at Salem Middle School, a 101,800 square foot facility which educates more than 400 students in third through eighth grade, is already underway. A general construction contract for \$1,230,364 was awarded to Wu & Associates, Inc. of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The emergent project will remedy water infiltration issues at the school. The work will be done in two phases. Phase I includes roof and flashing replacement and Phase II will repair the exterior masonry and replace window and vent lintels. Additionally, the SDA completed an emergent project at Salem High School this year that also addressed water infiltration issues.

"We appreciate the support we have received from the State in making these much-needed repairs," said Superintendent Dr. Amiot Patrick Michel. "These projects will go a long way toward providing Salem Middle School students with a high performance learning environment."

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 nearly \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$55 million), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$500 million state share).

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