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Christie Administration Announces Saddle Brook Township to Receive \$134,550 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 Saddle Brook Township School District received one grant through the SDA’s Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The project represents \$336,375 in total estimated costs including a state grant of \$134,550 which leverage the local contribution of \$201,825.

“SDA is proud to partner with various school districts throughout New Jersey to ensure that students Statewide are being educated in safe, modernized environments,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins.

Long Memorial Elementary School received a grant that will provide funds to replace the windows on the front elevation of the school.

“Saddle Brook is committed to delivering exceptional educational experiences to every student,” said Superintendent Dr. Richard Katz. “This grant will help to improve the learning environment for the students at Long Memorial Elementary School.”

Since the Christie Administration announced the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 918 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, Saddle Brook School District has received more than \$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 \$290 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of nearly \$680 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
Long Memorial Elementary School – Replace window wall on front elevation of school	\$336,375	\$134,550	\$201,825