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Christie Administration Announces Hillside Public Schools to Receive \$1.7 Million in Grant Funding from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority

Trenton, NJ - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to support critical school improvement projects in New Jersey, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced that six grants have recently been executed for the Hillside Public Schools through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program. Grant execution signifies completion of the application process and the start of funding being issued to school districts through the SDA's ROD grant program.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced the largest single grant offering in the program's history, making approximately half a billion dollars in funding available for projects throughout the state's 559 Regular Operating Districts and 21 County Vocational Technical School Districts across New Jersey. The Department of Education, who determines the selection of school projects to receive grant funds, has approved 1,609 ROD Grant projects in 335 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the 1,609 eligible projects are estimated to exceed \$1.2 billion, representing significant benefit not only to the children served by the state's public schools but also to the economy and construction industry as this important work advances.

The projects in Hillside Public Schools represent \$3,213,075 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$1,757,437 which leverages the local contribution of \$1,455,638. The SDA has executed nearly \$4.5 million in grants to the Hillside Public Schools since program inception.

Five grants will provide funds to upgrade security at the main entrances at Hurden-Looker Elementary School, Hillside High School, George Washington Elementary School, A.P. Morris Early Childhood Center and Walter O. Krumbiegel Middle School. The remaining grant will provide funds to replace the windows at Hillside High School.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1366 grants in 299 school districts. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues and other critical needs.

The State of New Jersey has provided \$448.8 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.06 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.17 billion in total project costs.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Hurden-Looker Elementary School – Upgrade security at main entrance	\$573,693	\$313,789	\$259,905
Hillside High School - Upgrade security at main entrance	\$548,089	\$299,785	\$248,304
George Washington Elementary School - Upgrade security at main entrance	\$324,889	\$177,703	\$147,186
A.P. Morris Early Childhood Center - Upgrade security at main entrance	\$222,980	\$121,962	\$101,018
Walter O. Krumiegel Middle School - Upgrade security at main entrance	\$161,833	\$88,517	\$73,316
Hillside High School – Window replacement	\$1,381,591	\$755,681	\$625,910
Hillside Township Total	\$3,213,075	\$1,757,437	\$1,455,638

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