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Christie Administration Announces Washington Township Schools (Morris County) to Receive \$471,599 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 four grants have recently been executed for the Washington Township 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 more than 1,600 ROD Grant projects in 335 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the 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 Washington Township Schools represent \$1,178,996 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$471,599 which leverages the local contribution of \$707,397. The SDA has executed more than \$8.6 million in grants to the Washington Township Schools since program inception.

The grants will provide funds for security upgrades, including the installation of a new security camera system, vestibule doors, keyless entry for school staff and security windows in the main office, at Long Valley Middle School North, Flocktown Road Elementary School, Old Farmer Road Elementary School and Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary 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
Long Valley Middle School North – Security upgrades including but not limited to, new security camera system, new vestibule doors, new keyless entry for school staff, new security windows in the main office and new concrete ramp at front entry with bollards	\$450,297	\$180,119	\$270,178
Flocktown Road Elementary School - Security upgrades including but not limited to, new security camera system, new vestibule doors, new keyless entry for school staff and new security windows in the main office	\$309,710	\$123,884	\$185,826
Old Farmers Road Elementary School - Security upgrades including but not limited to, new security camera system, new vestibule doors, new keyless entry for school staff and new security windows in the main office	\$245,099	\$98,040	\$147,059
Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School - Security upgrades including but not limited to, new security camera system, new vestibule doors, new keyless entry for school staff and new security windows in the main office	\$173,890	\$69,556	\$104,334
Washington Township Total	\$1,178,996	\$471,599	\$707,397

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