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Christie Administration Announces Construction of Emergent Repair at Orange Preparatory Academy

Trenton, NJ - 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 repair project at the Orange Preparatory Academy in Orange, New Jersey (Essex County).

"In partnership with school districts throughout the State, the SDA personnel are hard at work this summer in an effort to complete several projects around the state that will provide students with healthy learning environments in time for September," said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. "The benefits of the work we are announcing today will be felt by both the students and staff at Orange Preparatory Academy."

Orange Preparatory Academy (formerly known as Orange Middle School) is a 52,000 square-foot school educating approximately 530 students in grades eight and nine. This emergent project will replace the roof and repair all associated roof systems and exterior masonry in order to ensure a watertight building envelope. A general construction contract of \$1,047,000 was awarded to USA General Contractors Corp. of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$127 million in completed projects in Orange. This includes three capital projects and 19 Health and Safety, Grant or Emergent Projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio (more than \$1.5 billion), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$450 million state share).

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