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## **Christie Administration Announces Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District to Receive More Than \$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 seven grants have recently been executed for Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District 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 Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District represent \$4,335,000 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$1,734,000 which leverages the local contribution of \$2,601,000. The SDA has executed nearly \$13.9 million in grants to Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District since program inception.

The grants will provide funds for improvements at seven schools throughout the district. Projects include replacement of boilers and fire alarm systems and upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1,546 grants in 323 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 \$495.4 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.16 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.2 billion in total project costs.

	<b>Total Project Cost Estimate</b>	<b>State Share</b>	<b>Local Share</b>
Matawan Regional High School – Boiler and fire alarm system replacement	\$1,150,000	\$460,000	\$690,000
Lloyd Road Elementary School – Replacement of 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor HVAC unit ventilators; replacement of fire alarm system; replacement of stair tower fire doors	\$1,015,000	\$406,000	\$609,000
Matawan Avenue Middle School – Fire alarm system replacement; boiler replacement	\$879,000	\$351,600	\$527,400
Cliffwood Avenue Elementary School - Replacement of 2nd floor HVAC unit ventilators; replacement of fire alarm system; replacement of stair tower fire doors	\$730,500	\$292,200	\$438,300
Cambridge Park Elementary School – Upgrade to building HVAC controls	\$267,500	\$107,000	\$160,500
Strathmore Elementary School – Fire alarm system replacement	\$165,000	\$66,000	\$99,000
Ravine Drive Elementary School - Fire alarm system replacement	\$128,000	\$51,200	\$76,800
<b>Matawan – Aberdeen Regional School District Total</b>	<b>\$4,335,000</b>	<b>\$1,734,000</b>	<b>\$2,601,000</b>

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