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Christie Administration Announces Wanaque School District to Receive \$318,720 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 Wanaque 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 Wanaque School District represent \$796,800 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$318,720 which leverages the local contribution of \$478,080.

Four grants will provide funds to install an emergency generator, upgrade the security system, remove an underground tank and upgrade the telephone system at Wanaque Elementary School. Two grants will provide funds to upgrade the security system and telephone system at Haskell Elementary School.

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.

	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Wanaque Elementary School – Emergency generator installation	\$263,600	\$105,440	\$158,160
Haskell Elementary School – Security system upgrades	\$149,800	\$59,920	\$89,880
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Wanaque Elementary School – Removal of underground diesel fuel tank tied into emergency generator	\$90,800	\$36,320	\$54,480
Haskell Elementary School – Telephone system upgrade	\$85,600	\$34,240	\$51,360
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Wanaque School District Total	\$796,800	\$318,720	\$478,080

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