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**Christie Administration Announces Bayonne
to Receive \$13.5 Million Through Schools Development Authority's
(SDA) Regular Operating District Grant Program**

Furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority has executed state grants to the Bayonne School District through the SDA's Regular Operating Districts (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and Walter F. Robinson Elementary School: ADA restroom upgrades, lintel replacement and masonry upgrades.

Horace Mann Elementary School and Phillip G. Vroom Elementary School: Asbestos abatement and monitoring, lintel replacement and masonry repair, and boiler feed and vacuum replacement.

Washington Elementary School: ADA restroom upgrades, lintel replacement and masonry upgrades, and window replacement.

Mary J. Donohoe Elementary School: ADA restroom upgrades, asbestos abatement and monitoring, lintel replacement and masonry repair.

Lincoln Elementary School: Lintel replacement and masonry repair, and window and exterior door replacement.

Henry E. Harris Elementary School: Asbestos abatement and monitoring, lintel replacement and masonry repair.

John M. Bailey Elementary School: Lintel replacement and masonry repair.

State share: \$13,472,297
Local share: \$12,522,551
Estimated total project cost: \$25,994,848

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in cooperation with the Department of Education, announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 314 grants. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of

eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided \$115 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of nearly \$250 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

The Authority's portfolio includes approximately 1,150 ongoing grant projects in the RODs. In addition, the SDA designs, constructs and fully funds projects primarily in SDA Districts. The SDA has nine such projects in construction and 50 in various developmental phases.

Since the school construction program's inception in 2001, the state has provided more than 3,200 grants to RODs, totaling more than \$2.4 billion. Including contributions from local school districts, these grants have leveraged projects estimated at \$7.6 billion overall.