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Christie Administration Announces Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District to Receive Nearly \$3 Million Through Schools Development Authority's 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 (SDA) has executed ten state grants to the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Oakcrest High School: (1) Exterior door and window replacement; (2) Boiler replacement; (3) Replacement of existing concrete sidewalks at exterior perimeter; (4) Replacement of existing hot water tank with gas-fired "on-demand" system; (5) Renovations to existing well and pump system; (6) Regrading of interior courtyard to eliminate water from entering under adjacent doors; and (7) Replacement of exterior doors and frame.

Absegami High School: (1) Repair of courtyard drainage at three courtyards; (2) Repave existing parking lot; and (3) Replacement of existing hollow metal doors and frames.

State share: \$2,958,319

Local share: \$2,216,681

Estimated total project cost: \$5,175,000

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 631 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 more than \$185 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$405 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).