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**Christie Administration Announces Highland Park to
Receive \$1,085,996 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 three state grants to the Highland Park School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grant are as follows:

Projects:

Bartle Elementary School: Waterproofing of the gymnasium; repair gymnasium from any previous water damage

Highland Park High School: Repair clock tower at front entrance; replace media center roof; ventilation improvements in boys and girls locker rooms in the gymnasium.

Irving Primary: Waterproofing at foundation

State share: \$1,085,996

Local share: \$1,628,994

Estimated total project cost: \$2,714,990

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 649 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 nearly \$190 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$415 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).