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New Jersey Schools Development Authority Advances \$100 Million in Emergent Projects Across the State

SDA Implements Common Sense Reform Measures to Better Support Critical Projects and Prioritize Dollars

TRENTON, NJ – Marc Larkins, CEO of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA), today announced that under a complete overhaul of the Emergent Project Program, an initial 76 projects in 68 schools within 21 school districts are ready for advancement. Under the leadership of Governor Christie and CEO Larkins, the Administration has committed an additional \$100 million to emergent projects under a reformed, common sense program and review process. These funds will support critical emergent projects in schools where they are most needed, in addition to providing a long-overdue overhaul of the review process so that it is fair, exhaustive, balances prioritization needs, and properly considers cost efficiency while ensuring New Jersey's students have safe learning environments.

The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to these former Abbott Districts in need of repair and rehabilitation work at existing school buildings. Prior to the Christie Administration, funds available for these projects were nearly exhausted and project review procedures were insufficient making it difficult to prioritize critical projects in a smart and cost efficient manner.

Larkins made the announcement after touring Washington Middle School in Harrison, a school that will receive emergent project funding to address structural repairs for a damaged ceiling.

“This Administration is committed to using our resources in a targeted and effective manner to help as many of our local school districts in as many ways as possible. While it is important to replace schools that are no longer functional, it is also critical that we make it possible for school districts to properly maintain the facilities that they have and extend the lifetimes of existing facilities to meet the needs of children. After overhauling this program, we are now positioned to address the most critical needs of our districts and make sure our school facilities are safe learning environments for all students,” SDA CEO Marc Larkins said.

During the summer of 2011, SDA and the Department of Education (DOE) redefined and launched a comprehensive effort to identify the facilities needs across all 31 SDA Districts. This effort initially resulted in the districts submitting over 700 conditions for consideration. In an effort to prioritize the most critical conditions, focus on truly emergent projects and identify those eligible under the statute for funding, DOE eliminated 400 projects because they did not meet the specific eligibility criteria. SDA and DOE staff then visited and evaluated the remaining 300 conditions at over 190 different schools. Conditions were reviewed and grouped into four categories: Routine and/or Required Maintenance, Potential Capital Maintenance Project, Potential Schools Facilities Projects and Potential Emergent Project.

“We know that an environment in which a child learns can affect his or her learning outcomes,” said Acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf. “Through the work enabled by this \$100 million fund for emergent projects, Governor Christie is again acting on his commitment to ensure the education needs of children are met with safe and adequate facilities for teaching and learning to take place.”

In order to receive consideration for funding through the program, SDA Districts submit their requests to the DOE. After review, the DOE transmits the approved requests to SDA for advancement based on available funding.

Since Governor Christie took office in 2010, SDA has started construction on 32 SDA-managed emergent projects – 23 in 2010 and 9 in 2011 – and a total of 81 emergent conditions were addressed through the grant process and delegated to the districts for management. Also, more emergent projects have been completed under Governor Christie’s tenure than any other governor. During his tenure, SDA has substantially completed 27 SDA-managed emergent projects totaling over \$22.6 million. 13 emergent projects delegated to the districts through the grant process were substantially completed totaling over \$5.7 million.

Earlier this month, Governor Christie announced the recommendation of twenty new capital school construction projects in eighteen of New Jersey’s municipalities that will meet the needs of students in some of the state’s neediest districts. These projects will address high educational priority needs and serious facilities deficiencies in SDA Districts throughout the State. In all, SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2.2 billion – including the 2011 Capital Program (\$584M), the 2012 Capital Program (\$675M), additional projects in construction (\$194M), emergent projects (\$50M) and Regular Operating District grants (\$792M state share).

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**2012 Potential Emergent Projects Program
 Conditions Identified for Potential
 Advancement**

Sorted by Prioritization Category, District, School and Deficient System

District	School Name	Deficient System
Asbury Park	AP HS	Roof
Asbury Park	AP MS	Roof
Bridgeton	Broad Street School	Structural
Burlington City	Captain James Lawrence ES	Roof
Camden City	Bonsall ES	Structural
Camden City	Cramer ES	Structural
Camden City	Lanning Square at Feters ES	Structural
Camden City	Pyne Poynt MS	Structural
Camden City	Sharp ES	Roof
Camden City	Yorkship ES	Boiler
East Orange	Campus HS	Roof
Garfield	Wash. Irving ES#4	Boiler
Garfield	Woodrow Wilson ES#5	Boiler
Gloucester City	Mary Ethel Costello	Fire Safety
Gloucester City	Mary Ethel Costello	Structural
Harrison	Hamilton Intermediate School	Roof
Harrison	Washington MS	Structural
Hoboken	Brandt ES	Exterior Masonry
Irvington	Chancellor Avenue ES	Roof
Irvington	Madison Avenue ES	Roof
Irvington	Union Avenue MS	Exterior Masonry
Irvington	University MS	Exterior Masonry
Irvington	University MS	Roof
Jersey City	A. H. Moore School	Exterior Masonry
Jersey City	Alexander D. Sullivan School 30	Exterior Masonry
Jersey City	Ferris HS	Roof
Jersey City	Nicolaus Copernicus School 25	Roof

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District	School Name	Deficient System
Jersey City	Nicolaus Copernicus School 25	Windows
Jersey City	PS 23 Duncan Ave Annex	Boiler
Millville	Holly Heights ES	Roof
Newark	(Dr.E Alma) Flagg	HVAC
Newark	(Malcolm X) Shabazz	Exterior Masonry
Newark	(Malcolm X) Shabazz	Roof
Newark	Abington Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Abington Avenue ES	Roof
Newark	Ann street ES	Roof
Newark	Arts HS	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Avon Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Burnet Street ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Chancellor Ave Anx ES	Roof
Newark	Chancellor Avenue ES	Structural
Newark	Dayton Street ES	Roof
Newark	Eighteenth Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Eighteenth Avenue ES	Roof
Newark	Fourteenth Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Hawkins Street ES	Boiler
Newark	Hawthorne Avenue ES	Structural
Newark	Madison ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Maple Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	McKinley ES	Roof
Newark	Newark Vocational HS	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Newark Vocational HS	Windows
Newark	Peshine Ave ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Ridge Street ES	Boiler
Newark	Sussex Avenue ES	Boiler

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District	School Name	Deficient System
Newark	Weequahic HS	Exterior Masonry
Newark	West Side Academy	Roof
Newark	West Side HS	Structural
Newark	West Side HS	Electrical
Newark	Wilson Avenue ES	Exterior Masonry
Newark	Wilson Avenue ES	Windows
Orange, City of	Cleveland ES	Structural
Orange, City of	Oakwood Av. ES	HVAC
Passaic City	School 11	Exterior Masonry
Passaic City	School 12	Exterior Masonry
Paterson	Roberto Clemente School	HVAC
Plainfield	Cook	Roof
Plainfield	Plainfield HS	Windows
Salem City	Salem HS	Roof
Salem City	Salem MS	Exterior Masonry
Trenton	Hegepeth-Williams School	Other
Trenton	Trenton Central HS West	HVAC
Trenton	Wilson ES	HVAC
Vineland	Vineland HS	HVAC
West New York	PS No. 1	Structural
West New York	PS No. 5	Structural
Total 76 Conditions		