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Christie Administration Announces Burlington County Special Services School District to Receive Nearly \$675,049 Through Schools Development Authority's Regular Operating District Grant Program

Furthering Governor Christie'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 two state grants to the Burlington County Special Services School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The \$1,687,621 in total estimated costs for the two projects includes a state contribution of \$675,049 which leverages the local contribution of \$1,012,572. These grants will allow the district to reside approximately 43,200 square-feet of the Lumberton Campus building and perform a roof replacement.

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 882 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 \$276.3 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$638.8 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

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