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## **Christie Administration Advances Emergent Repair Project for Hoboken School**

**TRENTON** – As part of Governor Christie’s commitment to ensuring New Jersey’s school facilities are healthy, safe learning environments for all students, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has advanced construction of an emergent repair project in Hoboken. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any prior administration.

“The Christie Administration is equally committed to repairing and rehabilitating existing school buildings as it is to rebuilding those that need to be replaced,” said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. “With limited funding available, we are advancing these projects in a targeted and effective manner to ensure quality learning environments for students in Hoboken and throughout the state.”

This emergent project will repair the exterior masonry at Joseph F. Brandt Primary School, which educates more than 450 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. Emergent projects include the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, exterior masonry, heating and cooling systems, and plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems. Emergent funds are also utilized to address water infiltration issues.

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 deliberate and cost efficient manner. In 2011, the SDA and Department of Education (DOE) launched a statewide effort to identify and evaluate eligible emergent conditions in the 31 SDA Districts. The conditions that were evaluated and validated had been reported by the local districts.

The SDA manages many projects identified as emergent, while others are delegated for District management. The approach is determined by a project’s scope and complexity. The emergent project above has been delegated to the Hoboken School District for management. For those projects that are delegated, the SDA executes a grant agreement with the District, which is then responsible for procuring and disbursing payment to the consultants and contractors. The SDA maintains oversight throughout this process.

The SDA has invested more than \$41 million in completed projects in Hoboken, including one capital project and 7 health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA’s current portfolio of active projects is valued at over \$2 billion – including the 2011 and 2012 Capital Project portfolios (more than \$1 billion), additional projects in construction (\$100 million), emergent projects (\$50 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$604 million state share).

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