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Christie Administration Announces Fairfield Township (Cumberland County) to Receive More Than \$1 Million 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 a state grant to the Fairfield Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The project, which will demolish the original Fairfield Elementary School, represents \$1,479,311 in total estimated costs including a state grant of \$1,020,268 which leverages the local contribution of \$459,043.

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 902 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 \$279 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$644 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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