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Christie Administration Announces Completion of Emergent Project in Paterson

TRENTON - Following through on Governor Christie's commitment to providing New Jersey's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the Schools Development Authority (SDA) recently completed an emergent project at School #6 in Paterson. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

"The Christie Administration remains steadfast in its pursuit of opportunities to repair and rehabilitate New Jersey's existing school buildings to help extend their lifecycles for generations to come," said SDA CEO Marc Larkins. "The ongoing collaboration between the SDA and Paterson Public School District is yielding results that address the District's most critical needs and ensure that Paterson students have an appropriate facility in which to learn and excel."

A general construction contract for nearly \$1.5 million was awarded to Catcord Construction Co., Inc. of Norwood, NJ in September 2012. The emergent project at School 6 was designed and managed by SDA staff. The completed work included the replacement of 438 existing aluminum clad wood windows. Work at School #6, which educates more than 400 students in kindergarten through eighth grade, was completed in May 2013.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA District school facilities in need of repair and rehabilitation. Emergent projects include the repair or replacement of roofs; windows; exterior masonry; heating and cooling systems; and plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems, as well as addressing water infiltration issues.

In addition to this emergent project, the SDA has recently advertised for the construction of the new Marshall Street Elementary School and site work for the new PS 16 Elementary School is ongoing. The SDA has invested more than \$286 million in completed projects in Paterson alone including six Capital projects and 44 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 (\$577 million state share).

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