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## **Christie Administration Announces Hackettstown to Receive \$390,036 in Grant Funding from Schools Development Authority**

**Trenton, NJ** - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to providing New Jersey students with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced that the Hackettstown School District received three grants through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The projects represent \$975,090 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$390,036 which leverages the local contribution of \$585,054.

"The Hackettstown School District has benefitted from 21 projects and more than \$2.6 million in ROD grant funding since the start of the Christie Administration, demonstrating what can be achieved through a successful partnership with local districts," said SDA CEO Charles B. McKenna. "These state funds directly offset the obligations of the community and help to prevent further property tax increases."

Two of the grants will provide funds to replace the existing ventilation system in the auditoriums at Hackettstown High School and Hackettstown Middle School. The third grant will provide resources to replace the boiler and all associated controls at Hackettstown High School.

"Thanks in large part to the financial support made available by the SDA ROD Grant funding, the Hackettstown School District has undertaken a variety of school improvement projects," said David C. Mango, Superintendent. "These upgrades will help provide quality facilities that build upon the Hackettstown Public Schools tradition of success and lifelong commitment to learning."

Since the Christie Administration announced the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 922 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. Since the program's inception, Hackettstown School District has received more than \$5 million in grants through the SDA's ROD grant program.

The Department of Education (DOE) selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided \$290 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$674 million. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents more than \$1.26 billion in total project costs.

In December 2013, the DOE announced the approval of an additional 1,538 ROD Grant projects in 331 school districts throughout the state. The approval of these grants were made possible by approximately half a billion dollars in funding made available by Governor Christie for additional grant projects in Regular Operating Districts and County Vocational Schools across New Jersey.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Hackettstown High School – replacement of existing ventilation system in auditorium	\$271,377	\$108,551	\$162,826
Hackettstown Middle School – replacement of existing ventilation system in auditorium	\$271,377	\$108,551	\$162,826
Hackettstown High School – replace boiler and all associated controls	\$432,336	\$172,934	\$259,402

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