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Christie Administration Announces Completion of Emergent Project At Washington Middle School in Harrison

Trenton, NJ - Following through on Governor Christie's commitment to providing New Jersey's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration announced today that the Schools Development Authority (SDA) recently completed an emergent project at Washington Middle School in Harrison, Hudson County. Built in 1962, Washington Middle School is a 60,000 square-foot school which educates approximately 370 students in sixth through eighth grades. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

"The completion of this emergent project highlights the work that the SDA is undertaking to remedy building conditions due to the aging educational infrastructure in the State," said CEO Charles McKenna.

The emergent project at Washington Middle School involved the repair of approximately 300 square feet of a loadbearing wall and the relocation of heating pipes. A general construction contract was awarded to Brockwell & Carrington of Towaco, New Jersey and the work began in late fall 2013.

"We strive to ensure that all students in Harrison have access to healthy and safe facilities to support their learning," said Harrison Superintendent Dr. James Doran. "The completion of this emergent project will continue to enhance our already successful academic program at Washington Middle School."

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, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems, and address water infiltration issues.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$85.5 million in completed projects in Harrison including two Capital projects, one emergent project and five health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at nearly \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio (more than \$1.5 billion), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$450 million state share).

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