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Christie Administration Announces Completion of Three Emergent Projects in Newark

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) has completed three emergent projects at Hawkins Street, Ridge Street and Sussex Avenue Elementary Schools in Newark, Essex County.

"The partnership between the SDA and Newark Public Schools has resulted in improvements and systems upgrades to schools throughout Newark" said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. "The completion of these emergent projects will help to extend the lifecycle of the school buildings and help to provide learning environments where current and future Newark students can achieve academic success."

The emergent projects at the Hawkins Street and Ridge Street Elementary Schools removed two boilers at each school and all associated controls, pumps, piping and other components. The projects included a complete abatement inside the confines of the boiler rooms and the installation of new boilers at each school. Sunnyfield Corporation of Ocean, New Jersey was awarded general construction contracts for both emergent projects totaling \$1.47 million. Hawkins Street Elementary School is a 69,660 square foot school which educates approximately 510 students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade. Ridge Street Elementary School is a 50,231 square foot school which educates approximately 600 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

The emergent project at the 62,400 square-foot Sussex Avenue Elementary School removed four boilers and all associated controls, pumps, tanks, piping, breeching and electrical components. The project also included the installation of two new gas fired-cast iron boilers with new burners, trim and ancillary systems for generating steam. A general construction contract was awarded to Amco Enterprises, Inc. of Kenilworth, New Jersey for \$452,000. The Sussex Avenue Elementary School, built in 1892, with two additions completed in 1954 and 1996, educates approximately 465 students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade.

"We are thrilled with the work happening at Hawkins Street, Ridge Street, and Sussex Avenue schools to upgrade and preserve the facilities," Newark Superintendent Cami Anderson said. "Along with last month's groundbreaking construction at Elliott, Oliver, and South Street Schools, we are moving steadily – in partnership with the SDA – to ensure that every student in Newark has a 21st century learning environment that meets their needs. We will continue to work with our city's educators, families, elected officials, and community leaders until we achieve results for all of our children and have 100 excellent schools."

The SDA received more than \$20,000 in SmartStart Rebates from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program to offset a portion of these emergent projects. The New Jersey SmartStart Buildings Program provides financial incentives for qualifying equipment. These incentives were developed to help offset some of the added cost to purchase qualifying energy-efficient equipment, which provides significant long-term energy savings. The SmartStart Buildings initiative is sponsored by the New Jersey Board of Public

Utilities in partnership with New Jersey's gas and electric utilities. Under this program rebates are provided for HVAC equipment, lighting, premium motors, natural gas water heaters, variable frequency drives and custom measures approved by the participating utility. The rebate amounts are all determined by equipment type, size and/or efficiency level. The Hawkins Street and Ridge Street Elementary School projects received a rebate of \$7,326 each and the Sussex Avenue Elementary School project received a rebate of \$5,386.

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. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$562 million in completed projects in Newark alone. This includes 11 capital projects and more than 120 Health and Safety/Grants/Emergent Projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at more than \$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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