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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Authority

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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Development Authority
Monthly Communications Report

Governor Christie Announces Capital Program Recommendations

On February 15, 2011, Governor Chris Christie announced a complete revamping of the Schools Development Authority (SDA) construction program and the statewide prioritization of SDA school construction projects to ensure accountability in the spending of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars annually for school improvements, expansion and new construction. The comprehensive review resulted in the recommendation to advance 10 projects in 2011 representing a state investment of almost \$584 million.

The changes reflect a commitment to the efficient and proper use of public funds, a prioritization of statewide educational needs and the advancement of sound design and construction principles. Using the same uniform process and selection criteria, the SDA will identify the next group of school construction projects for 2012. The Governor's announcement has generated more than 45 news articles to date.

Authority Executes ROD Grants

The SDA has continued executing state grants across New Jersey through its Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program, furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with modern and efficient schools.

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in conjunction with the Department of Education, had announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 388 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.

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The chart below lists districts for which ROD grants were announced during February:

County Name	District Name	State Share
Bergen	Bergen County Vocational School	\$567,587
Bergen	Fair Lawn	\$32,602
Bergen	Teaneck	\$184,492
Burlington	Medford Lakes Borough	\$20,000
Camden	Collingswood Borough	\$105,000
Cumberland	Deerfield Township	\$237,161
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell	\$534,711
Hunterdon	Holland Township	\$270,320
Morris	Morris Plains	\$21,700

Individualized press releases sent to local media for these grants have generated positive news coverage. The following media outlets have provided coverage to date:

- The Bridgeton News (Deerfield)
- The Record (Teaneck, Fair Lawn, Bergen County Vocational School)
- Courier-Post (Collingswood)
- SouthJerseyLocalNews.com (Medford Lakes Borough)

Authority Announces Emergent Repairs to Begin at Newark School

The SDA approved the start of construction for an emergent repair project at the Dr. William H. Horton Elementary School in Newark. A \$732,000 general construction contract was awarded to Alper Enterprises, Inc. of Moorestown, NJ to perform a roof replacement and exterior masonry repairs at the school, which houses students in grades kindergarten through eighth.

Authority Unveils Changes to the SDA Website

On Saturday, February 19, the SDA unveiled changes to the homepage of the SDA's website.

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