



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Authority

FROM: Kristen MacLean, Director of Communications

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SUBJECT: New Jersey Schools Development Authority
Monthly Communications Report

CEO Marc Larkins Testifies before the Joint Committee on the Public Schools and the Assembly Education Committee

On March 1, 2011, CEO Marc Larkins testified before the Joint Legislative Committee on the Public Schools. He provided information regarding the Capital Plan review process and the recommendations announced by the Governor. As the meeting was held prior to the presentation of the Capital Program to the SDA Board, Mr. Larkins indicated that he was unable to answer some of the legislators' questions at that time.

Mr. Larkins also testified before the Assembly Education Committee on March 15, 2011 regarding the recently approved Capital Program recommendations. Mr. Larkins answered questions related to the process that was used first to develop the statewide prioritization and second to determine the list of ten projects that were identified for advancement in 2011. Members of the committee were provided copies of the Capital Program materials that were presented to the Board of Directors at the March 2 meeting.

CEO Marc Larkins Tours Trenton Central High School

Following requests made by the district at the March 2 SDA Board Meeting, CEO Marc Larkins and additional SDA personnel toured the Trenton Central High School on March 9, 2011. During the tour, District officials raised concerns regarding various facility issues at the school. Following the tour, Mr. Larkins participated in a question and answer session with students and faculty.

The Trenton School District had previously submitted two conditions that were identified by the Department of Education as emergent conditions. The first was for a roof repair to be done in two phases. The first phase, over the auditorium and stage, is already complete. Construction of the second phase started the week of March 21.

The second condition identified by the DOE was for masonry repairs on the three façade entrances. The design work for this repair is complete, and SDA expects the work to begin this summer.

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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.

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

County Name	District Name	State Share
Bergen	Dumont	\$230,036
Bergen	Northvale	\$631,507
Essex	Montclair	\$49,675
Hunterdon	East Amwell Township	\$16,000
Mercer	Princeton Regional	\$254,920
Middlesex	Woodbridge	\$8,967,617
Monmouth	Freehold Regional	\$243,807
Monmouth	Monmouth Beach	\$197,761
Morris	Morris	\$621,800
Somerset	Bound Brook	\$242,036
Sussex	Hopatcong Borough	\$53,594

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 Daily Record (Bound Brook)
- Morristown Patch (Morris)
- WOBN (Freehold Regional)
- Princeton Packet (Princeton)
- Monmouth Journal (Monmouth Beach)

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