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## **Christie Administration Announces Burlington Township to Receive \$471,757 Through Schools Development Authority's Regular Operating District Grant Program**

Furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has executed five state grants to the Burlington Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

### Projects:

Burlington Township Middle School, B. Bernice Young Elementary School, Thomas O. Hopkins Middle School and Burlington Township High School: Installation of security access system, security cameras, intruder locks and hardware upgrades.

Fountain Woods Elementary School: 1) Installation of security access and security camera systems and hardware upgrades. 2) Upgrades to playground and improvements to site drainage.

State share: \$471,757

Local share: \$551,171

Estimated total project cost: \$1,022,928

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in cooperation with the Department of Education, announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 606 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 Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided nearly \$181.5 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$398 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).