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SDA Completes Emergent Project in Paterson

PATERSON – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced the completion of an emergent project at Paterson's School 16.

The project at School 16, which opened in 1891 and now houses the district's Great Falls Academy, was managed by the SDA and involved window system repair. The project cost \$97,893.

"Emergent projects are a critical element of the SDA program," Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins said. "Students and staff need a safe, proper learning environment. I am pleased that the SDA has been able to make a difference for those attending class in the School 16 building."

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts. The project was identified during site inspections by the SDA and the Department of Education, which authorized the corrective work. The project is funded within the SDA's 2008 New Funding Allocation and Capital Plan. The SDA currently has a portfolio of 129 emergent projects.

The project involved the replacement of window springs, locks and broken safety glass. The general contractor for the Paterson project was Ingrassia Construction Co. of Middlesex, N.J.

Since its 2001 inception, New Jersey's school construction program has completed 621 projects in SDA Districts. In addition to building 54 new schools, the program has provided funding for 45 extensive additions, renovations and/or rehabilitations, and more than 500 other projects.