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Schools Development Authority Releases Biannual Report Report Summarizes Progress, Discusses Strategic Plan for Improvement

TRENTON – The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) today released its Biannual Report on the School Facilities Construction Program, summarizing recent progress and discussing a strategic plan for improvement that reflects the results of an ongoing comprehensive review conducted by Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins.

The report is required to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature every six months under the August 2007 legislation establishing the SDA. This report provides data for October 2009 through March 2010.

The report also discusses key developments subsequent to the reporting period, including how the SDA is moving forward since the infusion of \$500 million in new bonding approved by Governor Chris Christie in April. The report talks about the execution of grants statewide to Regular Operating Districts, which provide direct assistance to improve schools and assist in statewide job creation during this economic crisis. It also discusses a comprehensive reorganization being undertaken at the Authority as well as plans for a review of the SDA's 2008 Capital Plan, which will be conducted in collaboration with the Department of Education.

"Be assured that the SDA will continue to report its progress to the Governor and the Legislature regarding ongoing reforms and additional recommendations for change as it continues the transformation into a model for school construction programs nationwide," Larkins says in the report.

The report is available on the SDA website at www.njsda.gov.