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Christie Administration Announces Woodbridge to Receive \$9 Million 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 22 state grants to the Woodbridge School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Roofing replacements will take place at the following schools: Woodbridge High School, Fords Middle School, J.F. Kennedy Memorial High School, Avenel Middle School, Colonia Middle School, Iselin Middle School, Matthew Jago Elementary School, Colonia High School, Oak Ridge Heights Elementary School, Claremont Avenue Elementary School, Avenel Street Elementary School, Port Reading Elementary School, Lynn Crest Elementary School, Lafayette Estates Elementary School, Kennedy Park Elementary School, Pennsylvania Avenue Elementary School, Woodbridge Middle School, Indiana Avenue Elementary School, Ross Street Elementary School, Robert Mascenik Elementary School, Ford Avenue Elementary School, Mawbey Street Elementary School.

State share: \$8,967,617

Local share: \$13,451,421

Estimated total project cost: \$22,419,038

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 415 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 more than \$135 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of nearly \$297 million.