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Christie Administration Announces Brick to Receive \$192,177 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 nine state grants to the Brick Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Brick Township High School: (1) Installation of two new chair lifts (Americans with Disabilities Act compliant) with necessary hardware and electrical components; and (2) Replace gym lighting.

Brick Township Memorial High School, Lake Riviera Middle School, Veteran's Memorial Middle School, Drum Point Road Elementary School: Replace gym lighting.

Midstream Elementary School: (1) Repair damage to Exterior Insulation and Finish System (EIFS) on corridor; and (2) Create vestibule and observation window at front entrance.

Emma Havens Yong Elementary School: Add new vestibule and viewing window at main entrance.

State share: \$192,177

Local share: \$288,268

Estimated total project cost: \$480,445

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 631 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 \$185 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$405 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).