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New Jersey Schools Development Authority Announces Emergent Repairs Recently Completed in East Orange

TRENTON - Furthering Governor Christie's commitment to ensuring that students attend modern and efficient schools, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has recently completed construction for emergent repair projects at Dionne Warwick Institute, Whitney E. Houston Academy and Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Academy in East Orange.

Catcord Construction Company, Inc. of Norwood, NJ was awarded three general construction contracts for work at the schools.

A \$557,000 general construction contract was awarded for roof and ceiling renovations at Dionne Warwick Institute which educates 482 students in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth. Work began in June 2011 and was completed in late November 2011.

A \$538,100 contract was awarded for roof and ceiling renovations at the Whitney E. Houston Academy which educates 547 students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth. Work began in June 2011 and was completed in late December 2011.

A \$218,000 contract was awarded to repair the existing roof and replace the rooftop ventilators and ductwork at the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Academy which educates 240 students in grades kindergarten through fifth. Work began in August 2011 and was completed in late December 2011.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to health and safety issues. The schools were inspected by the SDA and the Department of Education (DOE), which authorized the repairs.

The SDA designs, constructs and fully funds new and renovated schools in SDA Districts. Emergent repair projects are either managed by the SDA or delegated to SDA Districts. The projects in East Orange were managed by the SDA.

The SDA's ongoing portfolio of school facilities projects includes hundreds of grant projects in Regular Operating Districts, four new construction projects, 10 SDA projects identified as part of the 2011 Capital Program and various emergent projects in SDA Districts.

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