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**Christie Administration Announces Essex County Vocational
to Receive \$1.2 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 a state grant to the Essex County Vocational School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grant are as follows:

Project:

Newark Tech Campus: Replacement of various exterior and interior doors, exterior window replacement, ADA upgrades to various restrooms and front entry, window treatment in gymnasium and replacement of the manual pulley system for gymnasium lighting fixtures.

State share: \$1,239,226

Local share: \$1,310,098

Estimated total project cost: \$2,549,324

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 772 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 over \$230 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of over \$527 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

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