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Christie Administration Announces East Greenwich to Receive More Than \$7 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 two state grants to the East Greenwich Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Jeffrey Clark School: New addition including 1 Pre-K classroom, 4 Kindergarten classrooms, 7 general classrooms, BOE offices and an addition to the main office; Renovations to main office, nurses suite, OT/PT room and teacher work room; Restroom renovations.

Samuel Mickle Elementary School: New addition to accommodate increasing enrollment that includes 14 general classrooms, 2 special education classrooms, 1 small group instruction room and a gymnasium; Renovations to existing spaces including enlargement of the main office, expansion of nurses suite into the former main office, conversion of the central district office into a new main office and conversion of 2 small group instruction rooms into a general classroom.

State share: \$7,018,913 Local share: \$18,376,713

Estimated total project cost: \$25,395,626

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 810 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 \$245.5 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$573.4 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).