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## **Christie Administration Announces Hackettstown to Receive \$786,232 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 seven state grants to the Hackettstown School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Hackettstown High School: Repaving of parking area near the gym.

Hackettstown Middle School: 1) Replacement of boiler and associated controls; 2) Corridor renovations - replacement of lockers and acoustical ceiling tile on all floors; 3) Structural renovations and repair to fire escape.

Willow Grove Elementary School: Replacement of boiler and associated controls.

Hatchery Hill Elementary School: 1) Replacement of boiler and associated controls; 2) Upgrades to playground and sidewalks.

State share: \$786,232

Local share: \$1,179,347

Estimated total project cost: \$1,965,579

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).

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