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Christie Administration Announces Egg Harbor Township to Receive More Than \$1.7 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 five state grants to the Egg Harbor Township School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

E.H. Slaybaugh Elementary School: HVAC upgrades; window replacements.

Alder Avenue Middle School: Boiler replacement; lighting upgrades in oldest classroom wing; masonry repair and repointing.

Fernwood Middle School: HVAC upgrades; boiler replacement; flooring replacement; masonry repair and repointing; site drainage upgrades.

Clayton J. Davenport Elementary School: HVAC upgrades; window replacement.

Egg Harbor Township High School: HVAC upgrades.

State share: \$1,756,742 Local share: \$1,567,600 Estimated total project cost: \$3,324,342

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 856 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 \$269.3 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$624.7 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).