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Christie Administration Announces Washington Township (Gloucester County) to Receive \$365,683 Through Schools Development Authority’s Regular Operating District Grant Program

Trenton, NJ - Furthering Governor Christie’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 eight state grants to the Washington Township School District through the SDA’s Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The eight projects at five schools represent more than \$904,542 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$365,683 which leverages the local contribution of \$538,859.

The grants include four projects at Washington Township High School that will enable a roof replacement; renovations to the Home Economics Lab including ceiling replacement and the removal and replacement of asbestos tile with vinyl composition tile; the replacement of an existing canopy structure; and the removal and replacement of asbestos tile with vinyl composition tile in additional classrooms.

The remaining four projects will remove and replace asbestos tile with vinyl composition tile at Bells Elementary School, Birches Elementary School, Wedgewood Elementary School and Whitman Elementary School.

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 902 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 \$279 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$644 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Washington Township High School – roof replacement	\$583,150	\$235,754	\$347,396
Washington Township High School – Home Economics Lab renovation	\$134,592	\$54,412	\$80,180
Washington Township High School – canopy replacement	\$36,800	\$14,877	\$21,923

Washington Township High School – tile removal/replacement	\$30,000	\$12,128	\$17,872
Bells Elementary School – tile removal/replacement	\$30,000	\$12,128	\$17,872
Birches Elementary School – tile removal/replacement	\$30,000	\$12,128	\$17,872
Wedgewood Elementary School – tile removal/replacement	\$30,000	\$12,128	\$17,872
Whitman Elementary School – tile removal/replacement	\$30,000	\$12,128	\$17,872

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