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Christie Administration Announces Fort Lee to Receive Nearly $1.6 Million in Grant Funding from Schools Development Authority

Trenton, NJ - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to providing New Jersey students with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) announced a state grant to the Fort Lee School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The project at Fort Lee High School represents $3,980,000 in total estimated costs including a state grant of $1,592,000 which leverages the local contribution of $2,388,000.

The grant will provide funds to convert a dance studio into a science classroom with a prep room, the renovation of seven existing science classrooms and associated prep rooms with new casework, finishes, lighting and HVAC equipment and the renovation of an existing classroom into a new dance studio at Fort Lee High School.

Since the Christie Administration announced the resumption of the ROD grant program in May 2010, the SDA has executed 903 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. To date, the Fort Lee School District has received nearly $9.2 million in grants through the SDA's ROD grant program.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided more than $284 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than $668 million.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced that nearly a half billion dollars for additional grants would be made available for needed construction projects in Regular Operating Districts and County Vocational Schools across New Jersey. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents more than $1.5 billion in total project costs.

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