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Christie Administration Announces Completion of Emergent Project At Ecole Toussaint Louverture Elementary School In East Orange

Trenton, NJ - Following through on Governor Christie's commitment to providing New Jersey's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration announced today that the Schools Development Authority (SDA) recently completed an emergent project at Ecole Toussaint Louverture Elementary School in East Orange that remedied water infiltration problems, replaced the auditorium ceiling and repaired exterior and interior problems caused by the water infiltration. Ecole Toussaint Louverture Elementary School educates approximately 320 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. More emergent projects have been completed by the Christie Administration than by any previous administration.

"Addressing emergent conditions is an essential component of the Christie Administration's efforts to maintain an educational infrastructure that supports positive learning environments for young people," said SDA CEO Charles McKenna. "The completion of this emergent project highlights what can be accomplished through a collaborative partnership between the SDA and the East Orange School District."

The emergent project at Ecole Toussaint Louverture remedied water infiltration issues and the damage that it caused at the school. A general construction contract for \$248,000 was awarded to Molba Construction of Little Ferry, New Jersey in May 2013, and the work began in June 2013. The scope of the emergent project included the replacement of the auditorium ceiling, replacement of damaged wood framing, painting the ceiling and walls, re-caulking all windows along the Central Avenue side of the building, re-pointing of the third floor exterior masonry, installation of new furring and gypsum board along the Central Avenue side of the building and providing new code compliant lighting and smoke alarms/detectors.

Emergent projects are those deemed necessary in SDA Districts due to potential health and safety issues. The Emergent Project Program provides assistance to SDA District school facilities in need of repair and rehabilitation. Emergent projects include the repair or replacement of roofs, windows, exterior masonry, heating and cooling systems, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and security systems, and address water infiltration issues.

To date, the SDA has invested more than \$271 million in completed projects in East Orange alone including six Capital projects, one Demonstration project, six emergent projects and 16 health and safety/grant projects.

The SDA's current portfolio of active projects is valued at more than \$2 billion – including the Capital Project Portfolio (approximately \$1.5 billion), emergent projects (\$100 million) and Regular Operating District grants (\$450 million state share).

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