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## **Christie Administration Announces Closter Public Schools to Receive \$641,000 in Grant Funding from the New Jersey Schools Development Authority**

**Trenton, NJ** - Furthering the Christie Administration's commitment to support critical school improvement projects in New Jersey, the Schools Development Authority (SDA) today announced that five grants have recently been executed for the Closter Public Schools through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program. Grant execution signifies completion of the application process and the start of funding being issued to school districts through the SDA's ROD grant program.

In May 2013, Governor Christie announced the largest single grant offering in the program's history, making approximately half a billion dollars in funding available for projects throughout the state's 559 Regular Operating Districts and 21 County Vocational Technical School Districts across New Jersey. The Department of Education, who determines the selection of school projects to receive grant funds, has approved 1,598 ROD Grant projects in 333 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the 1,598 eligible projects are estimated to exceed \$1.2 billion, representing significant benefit not only to the children served by the state's public schools but also to the economy and construction industry as this important work advances.

The projects in Closter Public Schools represent \$1,602,500 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$641,000 which leverages the local contribution of \$961,500. The SDA has executed more than \$2.5 million in grants to the Closter Public Schools since program inception.

Two grants will provide funds to replace the windows and exterior doors at Hillside Elementary School, as well as provide for a new mechanical unit for the air conditioning system in the multipurpose room. Three grants will provide funds to replace exterior doors, replace the windows in the auditorium and provide for a new mechanical unit for air conditioning system in the auditorium at Tenakill Middle School.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1366 grants in 299 school districts. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues and other critical needs.

The State of New Jersey has provided \$448.8 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.06 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.17 billion in total project costs.

School Name	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Hillside Elementary School – Window and exterior door replacement	\$730,000	\$292,000	\$438,000
Hillside Elementary School – New mechanical unit for air conditioning in multipurpose room	\$273,000	\$109,400	\$164,100
Tenakill Middle School - New mechanical unit for air conditioning in multipurpose room	\$327,000	\$130,800	\$196,200
Tenakill Middle School – Replace exterior doors at various locations throughout building	\$194,000	\$77,600	\$116,400
Tenakill Middle School – Window replacement in auditorium	\$78,000	\$31,200	\$46,800
<b>Closter Total</b>	<b>\$1,602,500</b>	<b>\$641,000</b>	<b>\$961,500</b>

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