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Christie Administration Announces Medford Township Public Schools to Receive \$679,820 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 eleven grants have recently been executed for the Medford Township 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 more than 1,600 ROD Grant projects in 335 school districts throughout the state for this allocation. Between state and local contributions, the total project costs of the 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 Medford Township Public Schools represent \$1,878,046 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$679,820 which leverages the local contribution of \$1,198,225. The SDA has executed more than \$10.5 million in grants to the Medford Township Public Schools since program inception.

The eleven grants will provide funds for upgrades and improvements to Medford Township Memorial Elementary School, Milton H. Allen Elementary School, Chairville Elementary School, Kirby's Mill Elementary School, Cranberry Pines Elementary School, Maurice and Everett Haines Elementary School and Taunton Forge Elementary School. The grants allow for a variety of work including the replacement of a cooling tower, skylight, fire alarm and clock systems and security upgrades.

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
Medford Township Memorial Elementary School – Fire alarm and clock system replacement	\$614,783	\$245,913	\$386,869
Medford Township Memorial Elementary School – Replacement of bridge over stream at main entrance in order to maintain single access point at school	\$291,118	\$116,447	\$174,447
Medford Township Memorial Elementary School – Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$94,580	\$22,880	\$71,700
Milton H. Allen Elementary School – Skylight replacement over media center	\$233,950	\$93,580	\$140,370
Milton H. Allen Elementary School – Cooling tower replacement	\$158,910	\$63,564	\$95,346
Milton H. Allen Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$92,105	\$36,842	\$55,263
Chairville Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$69,830	\$22,880	\$46,950
Kirby's Mill Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$67,960	\$22,880	\$45,080
Cranberry Pines Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$94,580	\$18,327	\$76,252
Maurice & Everett Haines Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$57,180	\$18,327	\$38,852
Taunton Forge Elementary School - Alteration of existing main entrance vestibule (security upgrade)	\$103,050	\$18,180	\$84,870
Medford Township Total	\$1,878,046	\$679,820	\$1,198,225

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