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Christie Administration Announces Bergen County Technical Schools to Receive \$245,160 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 Bergen County Technical 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 for Bergen County Technical Schools represent \$612,902 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$245,160 which leverages the local contribution of \$367,742. The SDA has executed more than \$6.3 million in grants to Bergen County Technical Schools since program inception.

Three grants will provide funds for technical infrastructure upgrades at the Teterboro and Parmaus campuses of Bergen County Technical School and the Bergen County Academic in Hackensack. The remaining two grants will provide funds for asbestos removal, replacement of windows and electrical system upgrades at the Paramus campus of Bergen County Technical School.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1,543 grants in 323 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 \$494.9 million (state share) in grants to local districts since January 2010, leveraging projects with total estimated costs of \$1.16 billion. The SDA's current portfolio of active grant projects represents \$1.2 billion in total project costs.

	Total Project Cost Estimate	State Share	Local Share
Bergen County Technical School-Paramus Campus – Asbestos removal and replacement of windows	\$229,950	\$91,980	\$137,970
Bergen County Technical School Tereboro Campus – Technical infrastructure upgrades	\$159,900	\$63,960	\$95,940
Bergen County Academies-Dr. John Grieco Campus – Technical infrastructure upgrades	\$106,596	\$42,638	\$63,958
Bergen County Technical School-Paramus Campus – Technical infrastructure upgrades	\$82,688	\$33,075	\$49,613
Bergen County Technical School-Paramus Campus – Electrical system upgrades	\$33,768	\$13,507	\$20,261
Bergen County Technical Schools Total	\$612,902	\$245,160	\$367,742

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