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## **Christie Administration Announces North Plainfield School District to Receive More Than \$1.2 Million 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 four grants have recently been executed for North Plainfield School District 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 North Plainfield School District represent \$1,928,126 in total estimated costs including state grants of \$1,242,608 which leverages the local contribution of \$685,518. The SDA has executed nearly \$17 million in grants to North Plainfield School District since program inception.

The grants will provide funds to upgrade the fire and intrusion alarm systems at North Plainfield High School, Stony Brook Elementary School, East End Elementary School and West End Elementary School.

Since the start of the Christie Administration, the SDA has executed 1,546 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 \$495.4 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.

	<b>Total Project Cost Estimate</b>	<b>State Share</b>	<b>Local Share</b>
North Plainfield High School – Fire alarm and intrusion alarm upgrades	\$1,116,600	\$719,609	\$396,991
Stony Brook Elementary School - Fire alarm and intrusion alarm upgrades	\$288,600	\$185,992	\$102,608
East End Elementary School - Fire alarm and intrusion alarm upgrades	\$263,206	\$169,627	\$93,579
West End Elementary School - Fire alarm and intrusion alarm upgrades	\$259,720	\$167,380	\$92,380
<b>North Plainfield School District Total</b>	<b>\$1,928,126</b>	<b>\$1,242,608</b>	<b>\$685,518</b>

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