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## **Christie Administration Announces Garwood to Receive \$179,405 Through Schools Development Authority's Regular Operating District Grant Program**

Furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has executed two state grants to the Garwood School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Lincoln/Franklin Elementary School: Replace six doors and frames; install insulation in crawl space; replace section of roof and coping; install stucco; repoint brick and caulk.

Washington Elementary School: Replace two damaged doors and frames in the boiler room.

State share: \$179,405

Local share: \$269,108

Estimated total project cost: \$448,513

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in cooperation with the Department of Education, announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 719 grants. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided nearly \$ 222.5 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of \$ 508.8 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).