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Christie Administration Announces Kingsway Regional High School District to Receive \$8,463,401 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 three state grants to the Kingsway Regional High School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Kingsway Regional High School: Addition with 17 classrooms, 2 large group instruction rooms, cafeteria expansion, music room and media center expansion; Renovation of physical education and administration areas.

Kingsway Regional Middle School: 1) Addition with 16 classrooms, an occupational/physical therapy room, art room, auxiliary gym with entrance, stage, physical education classroom and cafeteria seating expansion; Renovations to the main office area, nurse's suite, guidance offices, computer room, 2 small group instruction rooms, stage, kitchen serving line and 2 locker rooms; upgrades to all finishes and systems in renovated areas. 2) Construction of new 14,583 square foot auxiliary gym including restrooms and physical education classroom; Renovation of 2 existing classrooms, 2 locker rooms, 2 physical education offices and other required building upgrades.

State share: \$8,463,401

Local share: \$22,659,049

Estimated total project cost: \$31,122,450

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).

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