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Christie Administration Announces Somerville to Receive \$736,230 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 four state grants to the Somerville School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Somerville Middle School: Roof replacement for the Annex wing and media center.

Somerville High School: HVAC renovations on the main floor level; roof replacement; furnish and install air conditioning in the auditorium.

State share: \$736,230

Local share: \$924,401

Estimated total project costs: \$1,660,631

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 377 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 more than \$124 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$269 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).