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Christie Administration Announces Tinton Falls to Receive More Than \$4 Million 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 Tinton Falls School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grants are as follows:

Projects:

Mahala F. Atchinson Elementary School: Capital upgrades including restroom renovations for barrier free access, ceiling and lighting upgrades, roof replacement, exterior soffit replacement and door replacement.

Swimming River Elementary School: 1) Capital upgrades including restroom renovations for barrier free access, roof replacement, door replacement, road repaving and other miscellaneous capital improvements; 2) Removal of damaged access road and reconstruction of road along with curbs, pavement, sidewalk for handicap accessibility.

Tinton Falls Middle School: Capital upgrades including restroom renovations for barrier free access, ceiling and lighting upgrades, roof replacement, HVAC, building entrances, electrical and other miscellaneous capital improvements.

State share: \$4,098,800

Local share: \$6,148,200

Estimated total project cost: \$10,247,000

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 561 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 \$174 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$379 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).