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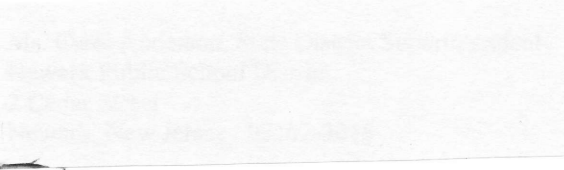
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Title: 2011 POTENTIAL EMERGENT PROJECTS PROGRAM:
EMERGENT STATUS DETERMINATIONS FOR A DISTRICT REQUIRED TO USE THE AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT, PURSUANT TO THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCE ACT (EFCFA); §1-30 and 57-71 of P.L. 2000, c.72; §14-17 of P.L. 2007, c.137; §8-11 of P.L. 2008, c.39.

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Dear Mr. _____

As you may be aware, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority at its March 2, 2011 Board meeting approved the 2011 Capital Program by which \$100 million will be allocated to fund emergent projects in the 31 SDA Districts. Together the Authority and the New Jersey Department of Education are launching our second extensive State-wide effort since 2007 to identify and evaluate eligible emergent projects in over 475 school facilities. We will be working with you over the upcoming months to review your district's potential emergent issues that may be funded by this discrete allocation.

Please note that:

- **Only emergent capital projects are being advanced through this initiative.** Non-emergent rehabilitation and new construction are outside the scope of this initiative.
- **Emergency stabilization as well as routine and required maintenance are always the responsibility of the school district** and are outside the boundaries of eligibility for a School Facilities Project as defined under EFCFA.
- **Emergent condition** means a condition is so injurious or hazardous that it causes an imminent peril to the health and safety of students and staff.
- **Emergent project** means a capital project necessitating expedited review and, if applicable, approval, in order to alleviate a condition that, if not corrected on an expedited basis, would render a building or facility so potentially injurious or hazardous that it causes an imminent peril to the health and safety of students or staff.

May 24, 2011

In order to efficiently identify the universe of emergent projects to be included for evaluation in the 2011 Potential Emergent Projects Program, the Department and Authority are requesting that your district both **complete and return by email the attached spreadsheet AND return a signed/dated paper copy of the spreadsheet by Wednesday, June 22, 2011**. The addresses are included in the attached instructions. Include all health and safety capital maintenance projects that you believe are "emergent conditions" as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2. (If you have no potential emergent projects, type in "none" on first row.)

Once received, the Authority together with the Department will review all district's submittals, will determine what additional support materials are required, if a site visit(s) to your district is necessary, and schedule any such site visit(s). The district will receive further correspondence as additional action or information is required. We appreciate the district's cooperation to expedite this process.

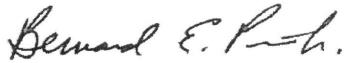
Due to limited funding, please be mindful that **a district may choose not to participate** in this 2011 Potential Emergent Projects program in whole or in part. Instead, an SDA district may include in its annual capital outlay budget and submit for approval one or more other capital school facilities projects if:

- The cost of each project does not exceed \$500,000, and,
- The Commissioner has first approved the inclusion of the project upon a demonstration by the district that its budget includes sufficient funds to finance the project.

A district may also withdraw funds from a capital reserve account for such purpose with the approval of the Commissioner; see N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-63 for more information.

We point out these alternatives because we anticipate that the identified limited funding for this program will not be sufficient to address all emergent needs in the 31 SDA districts. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please do not hesitate to contact Frank LoDolce of the Department at (609) 292-7078 or frank.lodolce@doe.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Potential Emergent Projects Program (PEPP) Spreadsheet, PEPP Instructions

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