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## New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Schools Development Authority Joint Broadcast

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School Facility Managers

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### SDA and NJDOE Announce \$75 Million for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs

The New Jersey State FY2024 budget includes a direct appropriation of \$75 million to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) to provide funding for projects related to emergent and capital maintenance needs. This funding is now available to SDA Districts and Regular Operating Districts to address emergent projects as well as capital maintenance projects.

The funding is available to offset district costs associated with ensuring students have safe and healthy learning environments. Districts can use these funds for emergent or capital maintenance projects or to offset appropriate project or maintenance costs incurred this fiscal year.

Two documents, both available on the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of School Facilities [webpage](#), are listed below:

1. A NJDOE chart identifying the funding available to districts for appropriate project costs;
2. A Certification to be signed by the District Superintendent or Business Administrator stating that the funds provided will be used by the district for the purposes outlined above, which includes a project listing form (Attachment A) for the district to identify project(s) for which the funds would be utilized.

We also want to provide you with the following Accounting Guidance from the NJDOE related to the utilization of the funds:

Funds for "SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance in School Districts" will be recorded in the Special Revenue Fund in account number 20-3257, which will be included on revenue line number 761. Expenses related to this funding will be recorded in Special Revenue Fund in program code 492, in function and object codes applicable to the approved project, account numbers 20-492-xxx-xxx, line number 88136. As with any recordation of fund utilization, the records maintained by the district are subject to audit. If you need any assistance accounting for these funds, please contact [budget@doe.nj.gov](mailto:budget@doe.nj.gov).

Upon submission to the SDA of a duly executed Certification, the SDA and NJDOE will review the project(s) identified by the district on Attachment A to confirm that the scope represents an eligible emergent project and/or a capital maintenance project. After such confirmation, the SDA will provide the identified funds to the district through electronic transfer.

Please provide the Certification including Attachment A and Wire Transfer Account Information to SDA at [FiscalYearGrant@NJSDA.gov](mailto:FiscalYearGrant@NJSDA.gov).

Questions regarding this process should be directed to the SDA at [FiscalYearGrant@NJSDA.gov](mailto:FiscalYearGrant@NJSDA.gov).

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