

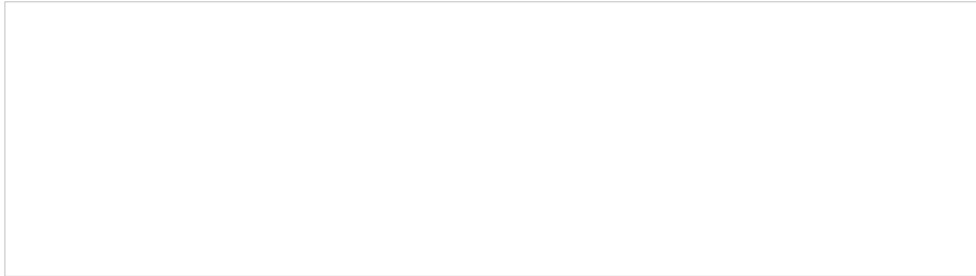


**Christie Administration Announces Up To \$800,000 In Grant Awards To Benefit 11 School Districts Impacted By Superstorm Sandy**

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**Trenton, NJ** - The New Jersey Department of Education today announced as much as \$800,000 in additional grant awards to assist 11 school districts that are still recovering from the effects of Superstorm Sandy. The funding, made possible through the U.S. Department of Education's Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) grant program, is available to help districts provide services designed to maintain safe learning environments for children.

"Even though Superstorm Sandy occurred more than a year ago, some of our school communities continue to work toward full recovery," said Education Commissioner Cerf. "We are grateful that this funding has been made available to ensure a sense of stability and security for our children's education."

The recent \$800,000 in Project SERV funding is in addition to the \$1.25 million in Project SERV grants that were announced earlier this year.

Project SERV funds are designed to help school officials restore a sense of safety, stability and security when students' learning environments have been disrupted due to violence or traumatic experiences. The funding covers expenses such as transportation, overtime for teachers, substitute teachers, communications, counselling and mental health assistance.

Most of the funding for the recent round of Project SERV grants will cover past and anticipated costs of transporting displaced students. While virtually all Sandy-affected schools have been rebuilt and restored for the new school year, there are many families whose homes are still damaged - and those children have the right to attend school in their hometown during the period of their temporary displacement. In some cases, school districts saw unanticipated costs with busing only a few students, while other districts have been transporting numerous students.

The recipient districts and the dollar awards are listed below.

<b>County</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Award</b>
Atlantic	Ventnor	\$62,126
Bergen	Little Ferry	\$6,128
Essex	Newark	\$74,558
Middlesex	Sayreville	\$26,499
Middlesex	South River	\$2,018

Monmouth	Keansburg	\$306,089
Monmouth	Union Beach	\$92,199
Ocean/Burlington	Pinelands Regional	\$53,376
Ocean	Beach Haven	\$36,039
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor Township	\$108,765
Ocean	Toms River	\$32,203