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Sacramento, CA 95814<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc>**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**
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916-376-5037**State Awards Public Schools \$163 Million in Construction Grants***Majority comes from Proposition 1D bond*

Sacramento, Calif. – Following Governor Schwarzenegger's commitment to improve and modernize the state's infrastructure, the California State Allocation Board today awarded \$163.6 million in construction grants to 108 California schools. [Click here for a complete list of schools](#) receiving funding.

More than \$121 million of the funding originates from Proposition 1D and will fund new construction and modernization projects at 41 schools. Gov. Schwarzenegger pushed for the passage of Proposition 1D – the \$10 billion voter-approved bond measure – as part of his Strategic Growth Plan in 2006.

"We must continue to build and modernize California's classrooms so that our kids have the best environments possible in which to learn and succeed," said Anne Sheehan, who represents Department of Finance Director Mike Genest as State Allocation Board Chair. "I applaud the Board for continuing to get the voter-approved bond dollars into the hands of our local school officials efficiently and quickly."

An additional \$36.9 million was awarded from Propositions 47 and 55 to fund construction projects at six schools, including one new charter school, the Animo Leadership High School in Los Angeles County. The charter school also received \$75,000 in additional Proposition 1D "green schools" funding to build the school from a more energy-efficient and environmentally-sound design.

Across the state, 61 other schools will also receive more than \$5.1 million from the state general fund to make emergency repairs.

California voters approved the governor's \$42 billion Strategic Growth Plan to help rehabilitate California's infrastructure. Since then, the governor has facilitated and expedited the allocation of billions of dollars from the 2006 infrastructure bonds to launch key projects, create jobs and stimulate California's economy. Specifically, he has:

- [Announced \\$624.6 million](#) in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 in housing bond funding.
- [Announced approximately \\$136 million](#) in Proposition 1B funds for 99 transit projects statewide.
- [Announced the allocation of \\$463 million](#) in Proposition 1D funds for new construction and modernization projects for 29 charter schools statewide.
- [Announced \\$382 million](#) in Proposition 1B funds for transportation projects across the state.
- [Announced the approval of \\$3.5 billion](#) in Proposition 1B bond funds for transportation and goods movement projects across the state.
- [Announced \\$394 million](#) in Proposition 1B bond funding for 106 transit projects statewide.

- [Announced \\$40 million](#) for port security from Proposition 1B funds.
- [Announced \\$73 million for affordable housing projects](#) in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 funds to help more than 1,600 California families rent or purchase affordable housing.
- [Announced \\$211 million](#) for expedited implementation in Proposition 1E funds to four critical levee improvement projects in Northern California.
- [Announced \\$69.5 million in permanent low-interest loans](#) from the Proposition 1C housing bonds to jumpstart 14 affordable multi-family projects up and down the state, helping more than 1,000 California families and individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.

In January, the Governor called an [emergency meeting of his cabinet](#) and instructed them to recommend ways to work with the legislature and speed the release of \$29 billion in unallocated funds from the 2006 infrastructure bonds for the construction of roads, schools and levee repairs.

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