



## Focus on Funding

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is pleased to announce another round of apportionments granted by the State Allocation Board (SAB) at the March 28, 2012 SAB meeting. With residual funds remaining from the October 2011 bond sale and from funds rescinded from projects based on time limit on fund release expiration, the SAB awarded \$56.8 million in apportionments to 15 school construction projects. If your district received an apportionment at the March 28, 2012 SAB meeting, please note that the deadline for submitting your *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) is June 26, 2012.

The OPSC continues to administer the School Facility Program (SFP) even with limited remaining funds. With the uncertain future of public school construction funding and the reality of impending challenges, the OPSC is striving to improve in areas that are within our control; improving



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and building our customer relationships, providing outreach and training events, strengthening our partnerships, and moving towards an electronic SAB agenda. Our goal is to focus on customer service and establish a solid working foundation for the future.

This newsletter is a resource that showcases the success of the SFP. I'd like to continue highlighting schools that have benefitted from State funding. These tangible examples best demonstrate the strength and importance of public school construction funding. Since its inception, the School of the Month article in Building Blocks has beautifully featured school construction projects that have received SFP funding. I encourage school districts to continue submitting projects to be featured in School of the Month. Photos and stories of successful school construction projects are the best measure of the importance of this program. Please read the article in this issue and consider sending in your project to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).



Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

Please send comments and suggestions for future editions of Building Blocks to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).

### Did your project receive an apportionment at the March State Allocation Board meeting?

The Office of Public School Construction would like to remind school districts that received a Priority Funding apportionment at the March 28, 2012 State Allocation Board meeting, that a *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) must be physically received by the OPSC by June 26, 2012. If the district does not submit a Form SAB 50-05 on or before June 26, 2012, the project apportionment will be rescinded and the project will receive a new Unfunded Approval date of June 26, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).

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# Do You Have a Labor Compliance Program in Place?

By Karen Mandell

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) would like to remind all school districts of current Prevailing Wage Monitoring and Labor Compliance Program (LCP) requirements when receiving School Facility Program (SFP) funding. Failure to comply with applicable statutes may result in rescission of your SFP funding by the State Allocation Board (SAB).

## Prevailing Wage Monitoring

Please be advised that Labor Code (LC) Section 1771.3, as amended by Assembly Bill 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011, requires school districts that have SFP projects with an initial public works contract awarded on or after January 1, 2012, to notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). The DIR must provide prevailing wage monitoring services for all such projects, with the following exceptions:

- A District operates an internal prevailing wage monitoring program that is approved by DIR.
- The district has entered into a collective bargaining agreement that includes the requirements specified in LC Section 1771.3(b)(3).

With approval from the Office of Administrative Law on March 26, 2012, the OPSC will now provide an additional grant for the prevailing wage monitoring requirement to all SFP projects with an initial public works contract awarded on or after January 1, 2012. In order to assist the OPSC in determining if the district's project is subject to this new requirement and eligible for this additional grant, the OPSC will verify that an initial public works contract has been awarded after January 1, 2012.

## Labor Compliance Program

If your initial public contract was awarded prior to January 1, 2012, LC Section 1771.7(a)(1) requires school districts using funds derived from Proposition 47 or 55 for a public works project to initiate and enforce, or

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*Labor Compliance Program, continued...*

contract with a third party to initiate and enforce, an LCP, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 1771.5 of the LC.

Additionally, statute prohibits the release of funds for a project funded by Propositions 47 or 55 until the LCP is verified. Therefore, the OPSC cannot process a district's *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) unless evidence of a DIR-approved LCP is submitted with the Form SAB 50-05.

The OPSC would also like to remind all school districts that Proposition 1D bond authority is near exhaustion. As such, the OPSC and the SAB have little ability to provide any remedies to school districts required to have an LCP in place pursuant to LC Section 1771.7. We encourage all school districts to thoroughly review the applicable statutes and contact DIR or their [OPSC Project Manager](#) with any questions.

### Did you know?

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), together with California Department of Education (CDE), and California School Finance Authority (CSFA) presented an informative webinar to assist charter schools with the advance funding round that concludes on May 2, 2012. The OPSC, CDE, and CSFA provided specific information for charter school projects with preliminary apportionments and are eligible for design and site acquisition advance funding. The archived webinar is available on the [OPSC website](#). You can also view the webinar by clicking on the link below.

[Charter School Facilities Program – Advance Funding Round Webinar](#)

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# New Construction Applications Received Past Existing Bond Authority

By Brian LaPask

Over the past few months, the State Allocation Board's (SAB) New Construction Subcommittee has met to discuss options for managing the remaining new construction bond authority. At the February 22, 2012 SAB meeting, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff presented a report that summarized the subcommittee's three main goals: delaying Level III developer fees, preserving the School Facility Program (SFP), and placing the State in the best possible position to pass a new school facilities bond in 2014. The SAB voted to recommend to the Legislature to suspend Level III developer fees through December 31, 2014.

SAB members discussed at length how to best preserve the SFP and directed Staff to continue to receive and date stamp applications that exceed the existing available bond authority. A list of projects that exceed the existing available bond authority is posted on the OPSC website. Periodically, the OPSC will update this list as new projects are received. Please note that receipt of the application does not constitute a guarantee of available funds or of when the application will be processed.

The SAB also directed the Implementation Committee to discuss a tracking method for the projects received past existing bond authority. These discussions were started at the March 9, 2012 Implementation Committee meeting and will be further discussed at the April 13, 2012 meeting. The OPSC will then present the findings to the SAB for consideration at a future meeting.

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# Implementation Committee Update

By Hannah Konnoff

The following items were presented at the March 9, 2012 Implementation Committee (IMP) meeting:

## Methods for Accepting School Facility Program Applications After Bond Authority is Exhausted

Pursuant to State Allocation Board direction, the committee discussed methods for accepting, processing, and tracking of School Facility Program project funding applications once bond authority is exhausted. Discussion on this topic will continue at a future IMP meeting.

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## SB 128: High Performance Incentive grants for Career Technical Education Facilities Program projects

Continuing the discussion from the February 10, 2012 meeting, the committee discussed applying the High Performance Incentive Grant to the Career Technical Education Facilities Program pursuant to Chapter 622, Statutes of 2011 (Senate Bill 128 – Lowenthal).

Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff presented proposed regulatory language and options to the committee. OPSC staff received input from the committee and the public regarding the proposed options. Discussion on this topic will continue at a future IMP meeting.

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*Implementation Committee Update, continued...*

**Improvements to the Project Information Worksheet (PIW)**

The committee continued its discussion of PIW improvements from the February 10, 2012 meeting. OPSC staff presented a summary of input gathered from the committee and the public for committee approval.

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**Did you know?**

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) participated in the California Charter School Association's 19th Annual Charter Schools Conference on February 28, 2012. The OPSC provided information and updates for funding opportunities specific to the Charter School Facilities Program. The materials from the OPSC presentation are available on the OPSC [website](#). You can also access the materials by clicking on the links below.

Facility Funding Opportunities – State Agency Presentation

- [Presentation](#)
- [Handout](#)

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# School of the Month

## Roger S. Oraze Elementary School

*Clovis Unified School District, Fresno County*

### DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

New Construction – 29 classrooms

Paying homage to its location amid 16 acres of almond orchards, Roger S. Oraze Elementary School draws inspiration from its rural vernacular and has become a harbinger of community pride. Designed by HMC Architects to reflect the agricultural heritage of California’s Central Valley, the campus is a modern ranch, blending indoor and outdoor learning environments through the use of abundant glass, outdoor quads, and meandering trails.

Like many towns across the country, Clovis, California, has a rich connection with its schools, which informed many design decisions in the development



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*School of the Month: Roger S. Orazo Elementary School, continued...*

of the new school. With schools being a vibrant part of this community, the campus was designed with permeable boundaries, eliminating walls and fences, and opening directly to the community. Fields and playgrounds are used extensively by students and through joint-use partnerships with community sports leagues.

The buildings, which occupy approximately 54,000 square feet, reference the color and design of classic barns. Classroom wings are designed to take advantage of daylight through the use of high ceilings and clerestory windows, which minimizes the need for artificial light. The buildings were designed with the ability to install photovoltaic panel arrays on the large sloping south-facing roofs, reducing the overall energy consumption by up to 20 percent. A large multipurpose room, library and administration building, and a series of three classroom buildings complete the campus.



Photos taken by Claudia Ambriz

Would you like to see your project featured as the "School of the Month?" Please email [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).

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# Bond Proceeds Released

By Ryan Malloy

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2011 bond sales as of February 29, 2012:

**March 2009 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$528.8 million of \$528.8 million — 100 percent  
Total projects: 235 projects have received funds

**April 2009 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.432 billion of \$1.438 billion — 100 percent  
Total projects: 416 projects have received funds

**October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$479.4 million of \$509.6 million — 94 percent  
Total projects: 233 projects have received funds

**November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$108.4 million of \$111.4 million — 97 percent  
Total projects: 36 projects have received funds

**March 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.296 billion of \$1.351 billion — 96 percent  
Total projects: 270 projects have received funds

**November 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.462 billion of \$1.483 billion — 99 percent  
Total projects: 524 projects have received funds

**October 2011 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$596.1 million of \$963.6 million — 62 percent  
Total projects: 274 projects have received funds

See [Status of Funds](#) for more details.

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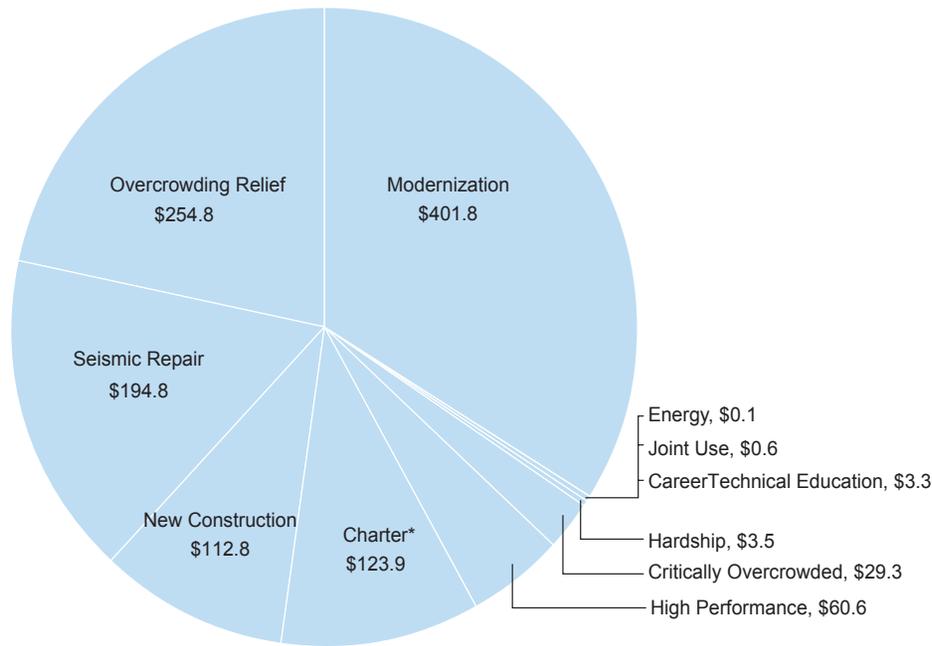
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# Remaining Bond Authority



**\$1.179 billion as of March 28, 2012**  
(by program, in millions)

\*Charter remaining bond authority is reserved for projects awarded a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment until all projects have either converted to a Final Charter School Apportionment or have been rescinded by the Board.

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# Regulatory Update

## Prevailing Wage Monitoring Regulations

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the December 14, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to implement prevailing wage monitoring compliance requirements specified in Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011 (Assembly Bill 436–Solario).
- Effective Date: March 26, 2012

## Charter School Rehabilitation Projects Applying for High Performance Incentive Grant Funding

- Adopted at the October 26, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulations provide clarification of Section 6 on the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50–04) for Charter School Facilities Program Rehabilitation projects applying for the High Performance Incentive additional grant.
- 45–day public comment period ended on March 19, 2012.

## Amendments Relating to Special Day Class Modernization Grants

- Adopted at the January 25, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulations allow school districts to request less than the currently required 101 modernization grants for projects applying for Special Day Class pupil grants, and repeal references relating to the Small High School Program.
- Current Status: Review process continues.

*Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.*

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

### State Allocation Board (SAB) – [View SAB calendar](#)

- April 25, 2012 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.
- May 23, 2012 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.

### Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- April 25, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
- May 23, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

### SAB Audit Sub-Committee Hearing

- April 10, 2012 (Tuesday) 3:00 p.m.  
California Department of Education, Room 1101

### Implementation Committee (IMP) – [View IMP calendar](#)

- April 13, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- May 11, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Deadlines

### March 2012 Priority Funding Apportionments

Deadline to submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) for projects that received Priority Funding apportionments at the March 28, 2012 SAB meeting:

- June 26, 2012

### Priority Funding

Expiration of certifications submitted during the second certification filing period:

- July 10, 2012

Start of the third certification filing period:

- July 11, 2012

### Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

10th ORG Round — Submit applications by July 31, 2012

*For additional information, please see the [OPSC Events Calendar](#) online.*

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