



## Project Funding Update

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is happy to report that of the \$637.6 million in School Facility Program funds that were awarded by the State Allocation Board (SAB) at the June 2012 meeting, we have received fund release requests for almost sixty percent of the projects! As of July 20, 2012, OPSC has received fund release requests for 114 projects for \$301.7 million in State funding. Of that amount, approximately \$150.7 million has already been released to school districts for 77 projects.

The remaining school districts that received a priority funding apportionment on June 27, 2012 must submit a complete and valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) to the OPSC by Tuesday, September 25, 2012. If the Form SAB 50-05 is not physically received by the OPSC by 5:00 p.m. on that date, the project will be rescinded without further SAB action and will receive a new Unfunded Approval date of September 25, 2012.



**Lisa Silverman**  
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For school districts with projects on the [Unfunded Approvals list](#) that are interested in participating in priority funding, the OPSC is accepting certifications for the current filing period. All certifications submitted for previous filing periods have expired. For information on deadlines and how to submit a certification, please see the article on [page 3](#) of this edition.

Also, there are a few important events and deadlines approaching:

- The final application filing deadline for the tenth cycle of Overcrowding Relief Grant funding is Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Applications must be physically received by the OPSC by 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2012. At this time, the SAB has not established additional funding rounds beyond the tenth. A discussion on future funding rounds is scheduled for the August SAB meeting.
- The September SAB meeting has been moved to September 19, 2012, one week earlier than previously scheduled. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. Any changes to the start time will be posted under Meeting Information on the [OPSC website](#). At this meeting, there will be a special discussion of an overall program review.

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

Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

### Did you know? *OPSC YouTube Channel—Coming Soon!*

The Office of Public School Construction is creating a YouTube channel which will allow the viewing of all archived webcasts on any personal computer or mobile platform.

Once the YouTube channel is complete, there will be an announcement in Building Blocks.

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# Priority Funding Certification Filing Period: July 11–August 9

By *Tim Hegedus*

A priority funding round is currently underway. The 30-day certification filing period began July 11, 2012 and ends August 9, 2012. As bonds are sold or cash becomes available, school districts that have submitted a valid certification during the filing period will be eligible for priority funding apportionments through January 8, 2013. To participate in the current priority funding round, certifications must be physically received at the Office of Public School Construction by 5 p.m. on August 9, 2012.

Please remember that certifications expire after six months; therefore, projects that had certifications submitted during previous filing periods, but have not yet received an apportionment, must have updated certifications submitted to be eligible for apportionment in the current priority funding round.

Please also note that projects that receive unfunded approvals at the July 25, 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, including Overcrowding Relief Grant projects, are eligible to participate. Certifications for those projects may not be submitted prior to receiving SAB approval (July 25, 2012) and must be submitted before the certification round ends on August 9, 2012.

For additional information, including certification language that may be copied into a certification letter, please see [Procedures for School Facility Program Funding](#).

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# Do I Have a Facility Hardship Project?

By Jennifer Maestretti

A facility hardship exists if the school district has an unmet need for pupil housing and the condition of the facilities, or lack of facilities, is a threat to the health and safety of the pupils. The district must also be able to show that the condition of the facilities was beyond the control of the district.

Before proceeding with a project and requesting funding, districts may wish to apply for a conceptual approval to determine if their project is eligible. In order to apply for a conceptual approval, the district must submit the following:

- **Industry Specialist’s Report:** Must identify health & safety threat and detail the minimum work necessary to mitigate the problem
- **Governmental Concurrence:** Must provide written concurrence to the industry specialist’s report
- **Mitigation Measures:** Must identify the correction measures to address the health & safety threat
- **Detailed Cost Estimate:** Must not include lump sums and only include minimum work necessary to mitigate the problem
- **Cost Benefit Analysis:** Must compare cost of mitigation to repair versus to replace
- **Site Diagram**
- **Photos**

If the district wishes to apply for a conceptual approval and funding concurrently, it may do so by submitting all of the above required documents, in addition to the funding application.

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# Surplus Site Sale Proceeds: Request to Transfer Funds

By Ngozi Pruett and Charles Robertson

Due to the current fiscal environment, school districts face limited funding sources for their General Fund obligations. Chapter 2, Statutes of 2009 (Assembly Bill X4 2 – Evans) added Section 17463.7 to the Education Code (EC) to permit school districts to transfer surplus site sale proceeds into their general fund account, under certain circumstances.

Prior to transferring site sale proceeds into their general fund account, school districts must submit the following documents to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) in order for their request to be processed:

1. A letter to the Executive Officer of the OPSC, Lisa Silverman, requesting authorization, pursuant to EC Section 17463.7, from the State Allocation Board (SAB) to transfer site sale proceeds into the district’s general fund account for a one-time general fund purpose.
2. A school board resolution stating that:
  - a. The school district has presented a plan to the local school board detailing the source and use of the funds and explaining why the expenditure will not result in on-going fiscal obligations for the district.
  - b. The school district certifies to the SAB that:
    - The District has no major deferred maintenance needs that cannot be covered by existing capital outlay resources.
    - The sale of the property does not violate the provisions of any local bond act.
    - The real property is not suitable to meet projected school construction needs for the next ten years.
  - c. The property sold was purchased entirely with local funds.

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*Surplus Site Sale Proceeds, continued...*

- d. The proceeds of the sale will be used for a one-time general fund purpose.
- e. The school district acknowledges that it will be ineligible for the State Deferred Maintenance hardship funding for five years after the transfer of funds into its general fund.
- f. The school district acknowledges that the SAB will reduce any financial hardship funding to the district by the amount transferred into its general fund account.
- g. A copy of the original site purchase agreement that delineates the original purchase price, the number of acres on the site, and the source of funds used to purchase the site.
- h. Documentation of the number of acres being sold from the site.

The district's must be presented to the SAB for approval prior to the funds being transferred by the district.

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# Project Information Worksheet Improvements Coming Soon

By Amanda Sheffield

Changes to the Project Information Worksheet (PIW) that would reduce the amount of time to submit the worksheet online were discussed at the April 2012 State Allocation Board Implementation Committee (Committee) meeting. These changes consist of automatically populating fields in the PIW system that are already available from various sources, and automatically calculating specialized areas that include totaling fields; this in turn would allow easier and quicker submittals from school districts.

Currently, the Office of Public School Construction is working with our Information Services Team to implement these features in the PIW system and will announce when the changes are complete in a future edition of Building Blocks.

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# Online: Archived Meeting Materials and Webcasts

By Laurel Brode

In the [State Allocation Board \(SAB\) Archives](#), you'll find the meeting materials, agendas and webcasts for all SAB meetings as far back as March 2009, SAB Subcommittee meetings and workgroups as far back as August 2009, and Pre-SAB Forums as far back as April 2010, organized by year and month. To locate the SAB Archives, you can either use the Quick Link on the [OPSC homepage](#) titled "SAB Archives" or from the [SAB webpage](#), use the Quick Link located in the right side of the screen titled "Archives."

The only SAB-related archived materials you will not find in the SAB Archives are from the SAB Implementation Committee (Committee). To locate the [Implementation Committee Archives](#), you'll first need to locate the Committee webpage which can be done by first visiting the [SAB webpage](#) through the link under the school photos on the [OPSC homepage](#). The link to the [Implementation Committee webpage](#) is a Quick Link on the right side of the screen. Once at the Committee webpage, use the Quick Link located in the right side of the screen titled "Archive" to locate archived meeting materials and webcasts.

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# Implementation Committee Update

By Hannah Konnoff

The following items were presented at the [July 12, 2012](#) State Allocation Board Implementation Committee (Committee) meeting:

## Applying the Project Information Worksheet to Additional School Facility Program (SFP) Project Types

The Committee discussed the expansion of the Project Information Worksheet (PIW), currently required only for new construction projects or modernization projects that receive high performance incentive grant funding, to all modernization projects. Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff will prepare a preliminary draft of a modernization section for the PIW to be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

At the February, March and April 2012 Committee meetings, staff worked with the Committee to develop plans to streamline the PIW online submittal process through auto-population of any information already collected by the OPSC, and options to reduce the number of submittals required. The State Allocation Board (SAB) asked staff to work further with the Committee to develop a detailed proposal to expand the PIW to collect data for other School Facility Program (SFP) project types, and include this proposal in the item that the OPSC presents to the SAB at a future meeting.

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## Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Minimum Essential Facilities

The Committee continued discussion of "hybrid" facilities for "Use of Grants" projects, pursuant to SFP Regulations 1859.77.3 and 1859.82, and potential regulatory changes providing State funds to school districts for building hybrid gymnasium/multipurpose rooms. Discussion on this topic will continue at a future Committee meeting.

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*Implementation Committee Update, continued...*

SFP regulations permit school districts to use new construction per-unhoused-pupil grants to construct facilities such as multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums, or libraries, instead of using them to fund new classrooms, under certain circumstances. SFP regulations provide criteria to determine what types of facilities may be funded for schools serving elementary, middle, or high school students, and a formula to determine whether the square footage of the existing facility exceeds the threshold to qualify for State funding under the "Use of Grants" option. The formula also identifies the maximum number of grants that may be used to fund construction of these facilities instead of classrooms. However, the regulations did not anticipate hybrid facilities such as a combined gymnasium/multipurpose rooms located within the same structure that share a portion of the square footage.

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## School of the Month

### Grand Terrace High School

Colton Joint Unified School District, San Bernardino County

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

New Construction and Use of Grants  
State funding from Proposition 55 and 1D

#### Facilities Included:

- 98 Classrooms for Grades 9-12
- Complete football stadium with synthetic field and running track
- Gymnasium (2,500 student capacity) with 3 full basketball courts plus dance and health & fitness classrooms
- Varsity baseball field, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts
- 25-meter competition pool
- 500 seat Performing Arts Theater



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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 June 30, 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: \$1.436 billion of \$1.439 billion — 100 percent  
 Total projects: 418 projects have received funds

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

Total funds released: \$491.4 million of \$510.1 million — 96 percent  
 Total projects: 245 projects have received funds

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

Total funds released: \$108.6 million of \$111.4 million — 97 percent  
 Total projects: 38 projects have received funds

**March 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.318 billion of \$1.351 billion — 98 percent  
 Total projects: 279 projects have received funds

**November 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.473 billion of \$1.483 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 528 projects have received funds

**October 2011 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$922.0 million of \$963.6 million — 96 percent  
 Total projects: 500 projects have received funds

**April 2012 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$0 of \$599.0 million — 0 percent  
 Total projects: 0 projects have received funds

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

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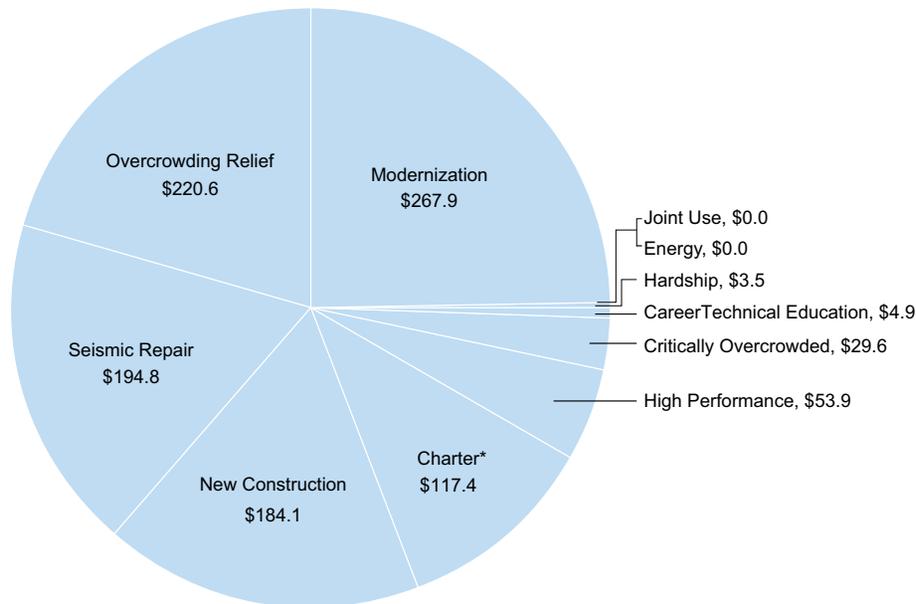
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# Remaining Bond Authority

**\$1.077 billion as of July 25, 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 State Allocation Board.

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# Regulatory Update

## 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: Office of Administrative Law (OAL) continues its review.

## High Performance Incentive Grants for Career Technical Education Facilities Program Projects

- Adopted at the April 25, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Allows for the application of Career Technical Education Facilities Program projects in conjunction with the High Performance Base Incentive Grants in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 128, Chapter 622, Statutes of 2011 (Lowenthal).
- Current Status: Public comment period ends September 17, 2012.

## New Timeline for the Priority in Funding Process

- Adopted at the June 27, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Adjusts the priority funding filing periods and extends the length of time that priority funding requests are valid.
- Administrative review continues.

*Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the OAL.*

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# OPSC Deadlines and Key Dates

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

- August 22, 2012 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m.
- September 19, 2012 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

### Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

Topics are subject to change. Questions may be submitted to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov) in advance of the meeting.

- August 22, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.  
OPSC Topics: Fund Release Process, OPSC's Application Review Team Overview
- September 19, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.  
OPSC Topics: School Facility Program Application Process: Overview of OPSC's Plan Verification Team and Project Manager Duties in OPSC

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

- August 10, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- September 14, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

### SAB Audit Subcommittee Working Group

- August 14, 2012 (Tuesday) – 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

### SAB Rules and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting

- August 15, 2012 (Wednesday) – 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Deadlines

### Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

10th ORG Round

- Submit applications by July 31, 2012

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*OPSC Deadlines and Key Dates, continued...*

**Priority Funding Third Certification Period**

- Filing Period Began: July 11, 2012
- Filing Period Ends: August 9, 2012
- Certifications Expire: January 8, 2013

**June 2012 Priority Funding Apportionments**

Deadline to submit a complete and valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) for projects that received Priority Funding apportionments at the June 27, 2012 SAB meeting:

- September 25, 2012

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

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***SAB Electronic Agenda Started in July***

As of July 1, 2012, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) will no longer be printing and delivering State Allocation Board agendas. Paper copies of the agenda are available upon request. For our customers attending public meetings in person, a limited number of printed agendas will be provided.

Converting to electronic agendas will allow the OPSC to save paper and staff labor while still providing the agendas in a timely manner.

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