

Use of Emergency Repair Program Funds

Earlier this year, the Governor and the Legislature adopted various changes to the Education Code to provide school districts with flexibility in the use of funds between various educational programs. Districts should be aware that the [Emergency Repair Program](#) (ERP) is NOT part of these flexibility provisions. The program is administered by the Office of Public School Construction on behalf of the State Allocation Board (SAB) and provides project-specific funding to mitigate immediate health and safety issues at eligible school sites.

[ERP Regulations](#) and the Education Code provisions governing the program require that ERP funding allocated by the SAB be spent on the projects identified in the school district's application for funds. Any funds not used for the ERP project must be returned to the State for subsequent apportionment to other districts needing ERP funds.

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Seismic Mitigation Program Amendments

The State Allocation Board (SAB) adopted amendments to the seismic mitigation program at the August 26, 2009 SAB meeting. These amendments allow four additional structure types to become eligible for funding and allow eligibility for buildings in Ground Shaking Intensity factor zones of 1.68g or higher (instead of 1.70g). These changes, which will take effect upon approval by the Office of Administrative Law, allow the program to retain its focus on the most vulnerable facilities while expanding eligibility criteria to encourage program participation. There is currently \$195.8 million remaining for the seismic mitigation program.

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