

# State Allocation Board Actions

May 26, 2010 Meeting

## Priorities in School Construction Funding

Please see [Priority Funding Round](#) article.

## Charter School Facilities Program Preliminary Unfunded Approvals Granted

The State Allocation Board (SAB) awarded \$80.9 million in unfunded approvals to 13 charter schools under the [Charter School Facilities Program](#). The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) reviewed 27 eligible applications, but their value greatly exceeded the available bonding authority. Order of funding was based on a set of priority points, locale, size of the charter school, and grade levels served by the charter school.

Once the SAB has available funds, it will convert the unfunded approvals into preliminary apportionments, after which time the applicants will have four years to convert the projects into final apportionments.

## High Performance Incentive Grant Changes

The SAB adopted regulations that will promote increased access to the [High Performance Incentive](#) (HPI) grants and increase the funding associated with them. The changes include increasing the number of available credits, an increase in the funding model associated with the number of points earned via credits, and assistance for Financial Hardship districts. The regulations were presented to the SAB with two options: one would allow third party review of HPI project plans; the other option would not allow third party review. The Board approved the regulations without the third party review provision. However, OPSC Staff was asked to examine the feasibility of incorporating a third party review process and report back to the Board on this issue in the near future.

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*Important Note Regarding the Project Information Worksheet (PIW):*  
 PIWs are required for all new construction projects (School Facility Program New Construction, Facility Hardship, Critically Overcrowded Schools, Charter Schools, and Overcrowding Relief Grant Program). As a result of the changes to the High Performance Incentive grant, once the regulations become effective, Project Information Worksheets will also be required for Modernization projects that include a High Performance Incentive grant. However, for Modernization project PIWs, it will only be required for districts to complete the PIW for the High Performance portion of the project.

**Financial Hardship Unfunded Reviews**

School Facility Program regulations require that a re-review of available funding be conducted for any **financial hardship** project that has been included on an unfunded list for more than 180 calendar days to determine if additional district funds are available as contribution to the district’s projects.

At its May meeting, the SAB approved emergency regulations to waive the unfunded financial hardship re-review requirement for projects added to the unfunded list due to the State’s inability to provide AB 55 loans. This unfunded list was created in March 2009 and references any projects added to that list since. These regulations will sunset on January 1, 2011 unless the SAB opts to extend them at that time.

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