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## Updates from OPSC

State funding in the amount of \$637.6 million was apportioned at the June State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting to projects that participated in the current Priority Funding round! This will fund 198 projects in 96 school districts statewide!

School districts that received an apportionment must submit a complete and valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) within 90 days for each apportionment. The Form SAB 50-05 must be complete, contain an original signature, supporting documentation and must be physically received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) prior to the close of business on September 25, 2012. If districts do not submit the Form SAB 50-05 by that date, their project will be placed at the bottom of the unfunded list, as required by the School Facility Program regulations.



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Also at the June SAB meeting, \$4.6 million was apportioned for three Joint-Use projects! The Joint-Use Program allows school districts to utilize a joint-use partner and State funding to build a joint-use project the district would not otherwise be able to build due to lack of financial resources.

The OPSC will provide outreach to districts with potential gas pipeline hazards. The University of California, Berkeley Center for Catastrophic Risk Management (CCRM) will be able to perform third-party reviews for Facility Hardship Projects to verify the health and safety threat of natural gas pipelines near schools. The CCRM is a group of researchers and experts in various fields who assist industry and government with solutions to avoid and mitigate catastrophic events. In the past, the Department of Conservation provided this service but due to staffing changes, they no longer can.

As previously mentioned, as of July 1, 2012, the OPSC will no longer produce paper copies of the SAB agendas, and will only publish agendas in an electronic format. Transitioning to electronic agendas will save energy, materials, and Staff time. Tips for using the electronic agendas are available [here](#).

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

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