

New Process for Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority

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At the September meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved regulations that will require the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to accept, but not process, New Construction and Modernization funding and eligibility applications once bond authority is exhausted. The *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) was also amended to accommodate the new process. Until the regulations are approved by the Office of Administrative Law, the OPSC will continue to receive and process applications for the SAB as an unfunded approval.

Once the regulation is in effect, school districts will be required to submit a school board resolution with each application. The resolution will include acknowledgement that the school board is aware that State funds are exhausted and that there is no guarantee of future State funding. The OPSC will provide sample language for school districts to use for school board resolutions that will meet the new requirement.

After the OPSC has verified that the Form SAB 50-04 meets minimum submittal requirements, such as Department of Education plan approval, the application will be placed on the "Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List" and will not be processed by the OPSC or approved by the SAB. The list will contain basic information, such as school district name, school site, amount of funds being requested, etc.

The regulations will also suspend the requirement that school districts receive a financial hardship "pre-approval" letter prior to submitting the Form SAB 50-04 if bond authority does not exist for the type of funds being requested. If sufficient bond authority becomes available in the future, the financial hardship review, pursuant to School Facility Program (SFP) Regulation 1859.81, will be required before the Form SAB 50-04 is approved by the SAB.

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Please note that financial hardship preapproval status will continue to apply to the submittal of the Form SAB 50-04 if bond authority is available for the type of funds being requested. Currently, New Construction SFP bond authority exists for seismic mitigation facility hardship applications.

Due to the significance of the regulatory changes, the OPSC will provide additional information in future editions of Building Blocks, letters to school districts and additional outreach, including at school district facility planner meetings. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your [OPSC Project Manager](#).



Grand Opening for Career Technical Education Facilities Program Funded Classrooms

Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer of the Office of Public School Construction, took part in a grand opening ceremony on Saturday, September 22, 2012 for the new Heritage High School Agricultural Research Center in Menifee.

The project, which received \$2.25 million in state funding from the Career Technical Education (CTE) Facilities Program, consists of 15,065 square feet of CTE space. The project will provide 602 Perris Union High School District students a place to learn agricultural career skills. The construction of the school bolsters the local economy through the creation of over 80 construction jobs and the purchase of materials.

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