



Cafeteria at South Tahoe High

California's School Facility Accomplishments

The new school year is upon us, and many school districts are celebrating new and modernized school facilities.

Since the beginning of 2013, the Office of Public School Construction has visited several school sites statewide for projects that received School Facility Program funding. These have included school tours, ground breaking ceremonies, grand openings, ribbon cutting ceremonies, and dedication ceremonies at districts throughout the state.

We enjoy seeing the facilities – they are the culmination of local dreams and vision, and represent many hours of hard work both at the district and state levels. Perhaps more beneficial is the opportunity to speak with district personnel involved in the school facility planning process. It enables us to hear about factors that school districts consider during the school planning process, and gives us insight into local challenges. It allows us to build or



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California's School Facility Accomplishments, continued...

reinforce our relationships with our clients and communities. Finally, these interactions can highlight areas where we can provide additional assistance to districts, particularly those that have experienced high turnover or limited staff resources.

Each new school or renovation project brings hope to the local community, and most importantly to the school children. We are honored to have witnessed the milestones for these projects, and proud of the part we play in enriching the lives of California's school children.



Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

Please send comments and suggestions for future editions of *Building Blocks* to opscnews@dgs.ca.gov.

Reminder:
Certification of Unused Sites Form is Past Due!

If your school district has not returned its *Certification of Unused Sites* (Form SAB 423) to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), it is now past due.

You must return the Form SAB 423 to the OPSC even if the district has no sites to report. Please submit the completed form on or before September 20, 2013.

Some forms were returned to districts because they were not signed by an authorized district representative. If your district was one of these, please have the authorized representative sign the Form SAB 423 and return it to the OPSC.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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- Brigitte Baul at 916.375.5984 or brigitte.baul@dgs.ca.gov

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New Prequalification Rules for Construction Contracts

By *Jeremy McCarroll*

From January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2018, school districts with an average daily attendance of 2,500 or more will be required to follow new procedures when awarding construction contracts, if the construction project involves estimated expenditures of at least \$1,000,000 and is funded through the School Facility Program or any future state school bonds.

Chapter 808, Statutes of 2012 (Assembly Bill 1565) details the new procedures in Public Contract Code, which require a standardized prequalification questionnaire and financial statement from bidders to be verified under oath by the bidders.

- "Bidders" includes general contractors, and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing subcontractors. The questionnaires and financial statements will not be public records or be open to public inspection.
- Districts may establish a process to prequalify prospective bidders on a quarterly or annual basis.
- The questionnaire and uniform system of rating bidders will not preclude a district from prequalifying or disqualifying a subcontractor.

The questionnaire and a uniform system of rating bidders must cover, at a minimum, the issues covered by the standardized questionnaire and model guidelines for rating bidders developed by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20101, available on the DIR website at www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/pqdb.doc.

If you have questions regarding compliance with these new required procedures, please consult your legal counsel.

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee Update

By Jason Casillas

The State Allocation Board created the School Facility Program Review Subcommittee (subcommittee) to discuss various aspects of the School Facility Program (SFP) and consider potential program-related improvements. These improvements may be considered for the current program or could be incorporated as part of a future bond measure.

To date, the following topics have been discussed by the subcommittee:

September 5, 2013—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Statewide school facilities inventory
- SFP Modernization program options

August 13, 2013—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Dwelling unit and New Construction eligibility
- Consolidating supplemental grants
- Funding of portable classrooms

June 10, 2013—[Click here for agenda](#)

- New Construction funding
- Modernization funding

May 21, 2013—[Click here for agenda](#)

- State agency roles
 - ◊ California Department of Education (CDE)
 - ◊ Division of the State Architect
 - ◊ Office of Public School Construction/State Allocation Board
 - ◊ Department of Toxic Substances Control
 - ◊ Department of Industrial Relations
- Project Information Worksheet

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee Update, continued...

March 6, 2013—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Physical safety on school campuses
 - ◊ Presentation from the California Emergency Management Agency
 - ◊ Presentation from CDE
- University of California Berkeley Center for Cities & Schools policy report, California's K–12 Educational Infrastructure Investments: Leveraging the State's Role for Quality School Facilities in Sustainable Communities

February 5, 2013—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Financial Hardship program
- County Offices of Education in the SFP

January 15, 2013—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Charter School Facilities Program
 - ◊ Program overview
 - ◊ Preliminary Apportionments
 - ◊ What happens after a Preliminary Apportionment?
- SFP Modernization eligibility
 - ◊ Establishing modernization eligibility
 - ◊ Adjustments to modernization eligibility
 - ◊ Other Modernization eligibility considerations
 - ◊ Modernization program data

November 28, 2012—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- SFP New Construction eligibility
 - ◊ Enrollment projections
 - ◊ Cohort Survival Enrollment Projection System study
 - ◊ Existing classroom capacity
- Discuss data from New Construction and Modernization projects funded under the SFP

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State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee Update, continued...

October 24, 2012—Click here for Agenda

- SFP introduction
- Overview of each funding program
- Purpose and calculation for SFP grants
- Areas of the SFP that subcommittee members would like to review in more detail for potential future changes

The meetings are open to the public and may be viewed via webcast on the OPSC YouTube page – [OPSCYou](#) – by clicking on the [School Facility Program Review](#) tab. Audience members are provided an opportunity to make a public comment. Additional meetings will be held in the future and will be announced as the information becomes available. Meeting times, dates and location will be posted on the website.

Future Meetings

The next subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., location TBD.

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Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process

By Janna Shaffer

Districts that received a School Facility Program (SFP) priority funding apportionment on May 22, 2013 had 90 days (until August 20, 2013) to submit a [Fund Release Authorization](#) (Form SAB 50-05) to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC). A district that has not submitted a Form SAB 50-05 within the 90 days will be subject to SFP Regulation Section 1859.90.2 and will have one occurrence. Any district with a non-participation occurrence must then participate in the next priority funding request period and any subsequent request periods for as long as the project remains on the [Unfunded List](#) (Lack of AB 55 Loans). Any project that incurs two non-participation occurrences will be removed from the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans), and the priority funding apportionment will be rescinded without further action by the State Allocation Board (SAB).

- Districts that received a SFP priority funding apportionment on July 10, 2013 have until October 8, 2013 to submit the Form SAB 50-05.
- Districts that received a SFP priority funding apportionment on August 28, 2013 have until November 26, 2013 to submit the Form SAB 50-05.

Please note that the Form SAB 50-05 submittal must contain an original signature from a designated District Representative and must be physically received by the OPSC at 707 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 prior to 5:00 p.m. on the district's 90-day due date.

If you have any questions, please:

- Refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions, Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process](#).
- Contact your [project manager](#).

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Deferred Maintenance Program: Process Change

By Karen Mandell

Effective July 1, 2013, Assembly Bill 97 repealed State Allocation Board apportionment authority for the Deferred Maintenance Program and provided for the governing boards of each school district to have full local control over deferred maintenance expenditures, earnings, and funds.

Therefore, the Office of Public School Construction will no longer accept the *Deferred Maintenance Five Year Plan* (Form SAB 40-20) from school districts.

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- Karen Mandell, at 916.376.8959 or karen.mandell@dgs.ca.gov

Did You Know... Hardcopy Plans Are Not Required for Some Submittals?

Districts are not required to submit hardcopy plans for projects to be placed on the Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority List. Office of Public School Construction staff is currently performing only cursory reviews to confirm that all required documents have been submitted. Electronic plans are sufficient and there is no need for districts to pay the added expense of printing and shipping hardcopy plans at this time.

As stated on the [Application for Funding](#) (Form SAB 50-04), plans and specifications readable in AutoCAD 14 may be submitted on CD-ROM or "Zip Drive." Additionally, we will accept documents in the Adobe Portable Document Format (commonly known as PDF).

Hardcopy plans are still required for funding applications in programs with bond authority remaining such as the Career Technical Education Facilities Program, Charter School Facilities Program, Facility Hardship, Overcrowding Relief Grant, and Seismic Mitigation Program.

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School of the Month: Call for Submissions

Is your district working on a new school project? Perhaps you have a Career Technical Education, Overcrowding Relief Grant, or Modernization project underway? The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) would like to feature pictures of your project and information about how your new school facility is making a difference for your students and community in *Building Blocks*. Interested? It's easy; here's how:

Step 1: Submittal

Submit pictures and a short summary of the positive impact of your school facility project to OPSCNews@dgs.ca.gov. Please include the following:

- Name of school
- Type of School Facility Program (SFP) project
- SFP project number
- Number of facilities or classrooms benefitting from upgrades
- How your school facility is helping students and the community

To ensure receipt by the OPSC, please verify that the total email size, including attachments, does not exceed 25MB. OPSC staff will contact you if there are any questions about the information submitted.

Step 2: Review

A sample template of your project's information will be submitted to you prior to publication to ensure accuracy.

Step 3: Publish

Enjoy seeing your school district's achievements featured in a future edition of *Building Blocks* and shared with facilities representatives statewide.



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Bond Proceeds Released

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2013 bond sales, as of July 31, 2013:

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1,438.4 billion of \$1,438.5 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 421 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$511.6 million of \$516.5 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 253 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$109.9 million of \$111.4 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 37 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1,333.2 billion of \$1,351.3 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 290 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1,452.3 billion of \$1,483.1 billion — 98 percent
Total projects: 532 projects have received funds

October 2011 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$965.7 million of \$1,003.5 million — 96 percent
Total projects: 508 projects have received funds

April 2012 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$606.1 of \$619.5 million — 98 percent
Total projects: 213 projects have received funds

October 2012 Bond Sale and March 2013 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$222.5 of \$230.2 million — 97 percent
Total projects: 110 projects have received funds

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Bond Proceeds Released, continued...

March 2013 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$273.1 million of \$500.0 million — 82 percent
Total projects: 150 projects have received funds

April 2013 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$48.5 million of \$108.2 million — 0 percent
Total projects: 77 projects have received funds

Two Grand Opening Ceremonies in Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe Unified School District held grand opening celebrations on two campuses on August 23, 2013.

At South Tahoe High, attendees celebrated the opening of a sports medicine facility, funded in part by the Career Technical Education Facilities Program. With this new facility, students have gained another pathway to postsecondary education and careers after graduation.

The event at Bijou Community School celebrated the opening of a classroom wing, funded in part by the Overcrowding Relief Grant and the High Performance Incentive grant, which will hold approximately 225 students.

[Press Release](#) on OPSC's attendance at the events.



Bijou Community School

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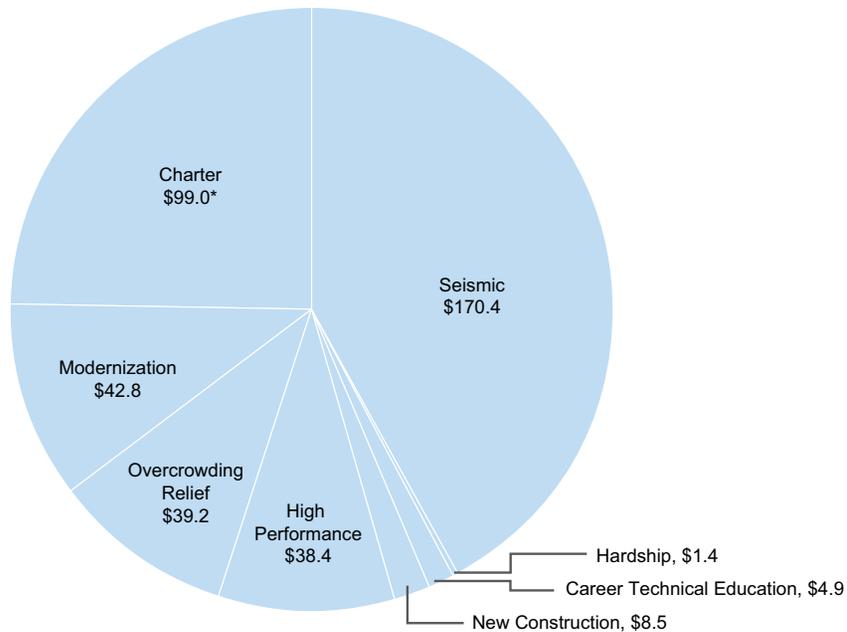
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Remaining Bond Authority

\$404.6 million as of August 28, 2013
(by program, in millions)



*Charter remaining bond authority from Propositions 47 and 55 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

Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process

- EMERGENCY STATUS
- Provides a mechanism for the State Allocation Board to rescind school bond funding for construction projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) that twice choose not to participate in or not to request State apportionments through the Priority Funding process.
- Amends Sections 1859.2, 1859.51, 1859.61, 1859.61, 1859.90.2, 1859.90.4, 1859.104, 1859.164.2, and 1859.184.1.
- Adopts new Section 1859.90.3.
- Amends *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) (Rev. 01/13).
- Effective date: March 25, 2013.
- Regulations became permanent on August 23, 2013.

Additional Grant for General Site Development

- Extends the additional grant for General Site Development for one year (until January 1, 2015).
- Amends Section 1859.76.
- 45-day public comment period ended August 26, 2013.

High Performance Incentive Grant for Facility Hardship and Seismic Projects

- Provides the High Performance Incentive grant to Facility Hardship, including Seismic, projects.
- Amends Sections 1859.2, 1859.71, 1859.71.6, 1859.74.5, 1859.77.4, 1859.82, and 1859.83.
- Amends *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) (Rev. 05/13).
- 45-day public comment period ends September 9, 2013.

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

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If you would like to share an upcoming event, please send an email to opscnews@dgs.ca.gov.

Upcoming Events

Pioneer School – Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, September 12, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Delano Union School District, Delano

Palm Springs High School Performing Arts Building – Dedication

Friday, September 13, 2013—9:00 a.m.
Palm Springs Unified School District, Palm Springs

James A. Garfield Elementary School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, September 17, 2013—8:30 a.m.
Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana

Hollywood High School Recording Studio & Culinary Arts Facilities Upgrade – Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, September 25, 2013—10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

Dorsey High School Gymnasium & Classroom Building – Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, September 26, 2013—11:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

Ninth Street Elementary School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, October 29, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

Camino Nuevo High School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

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Recent Events

South Lake Tahoe High Sports Medicine Building – Grand Opening

Friday, August 23, 2013—10:00 a.m.

Lake Tahoe Unified School District, South Lake Tahoe

Bijou Community School Classroom Wing – Grand Opening

Friday, August 23, 2013—12:00 p.m.

Lake Tahoe Unified School District, South Lake Tahoe

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Upcoming Meetings

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

- September 25, 2013 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- September 25, 2013 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
Topics are subject to change. Questions may be submitted to opscnews@dgs.ca.gov in advance of the meeting.

School Facility Program Review Subcommittee

- October 1, 2013 (Tuesday) 1:30 p.m.
Topics: Charter school facilities and statewide school facilities inventory.

Upcoming Deadlines

Current Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Began: May 8, 2013
- Filing Period Ended: June 6, 2013
- Requests Expire: December 31, 2013

Next Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Begins: November 13, 2013
- Filing Period Ends: December 12, 2013
- Requests Expire: June 30, 2014

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