

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
State Allocation Board Meeting, December 6, 1995**

**SPACE SAVER SCHOOLS**

**GENERAL**

The State Allocation Board (SAB), pursuant to Education Code Section 17755 as amended by Chapter 57, Statutes of 1995 (SB 92), is authorized to provide special project funding for four space saver school projects. To qualify, the projects must be in highly urbanized areas where there is no vacant land and must be designed and located in such a way as to minimize the necessity for eminent domain, the relocation of inhabitants and the removal of residential/commercial structures. Schools built under the program are required to use innovative design features, such as multi-story construction, below ground facility construction, multi-use construction where single use construction currently exists, joint use of facilities that otherwise involve such uses as a shopping center, office complex or apartment building, the joint or dual use of land that otherwise involves park or other uses, overhead or underground parking or the use of areas above or below streets or freeways.

Of the four space saver projects provided for in statute the following three projects have been approved by the SAB: 1. Santa Ana (approved and funded for Phase P & S). 2. Los Angeles (approved for Phase P and Phase P funded with unapplied match). 3. Long Beach (approved Phase P, not funded). Future applications will be considered in the order of date received.

Education Code Section 17756 was amended to delete the deadlines by which proposals must be evaluated.

Education Code Section 17757 which directs the Board to select four of the design proposals which most effectively accomplishes the purposes of the Space Saver school is repealed. The provision allowing an amount not to exceed \$50,000 or an aggregate of \$150,000 for design plans not approved under this article is also repealed.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AFTER SB 92**

Any school district, with an approved Phase P, may submit a proposal which meets all the following tests:

1. The district has new building area entitlement that meets or exceeds the building area of the district's proposed space saver school.
2. The proposed space saver school will not serve grades 10 to 12, inclusive.
3. The California Department of Education (CDE) has determined that all suitable sites available within the boundaries of the district require the displacement of residents and/or the removal of residential or commercial structures.

4. The proposed space saver school is either within the boundaries of the district; or within the boundaries of the high school attendance area that justified the project.
5. The project cost allowance for the space saver school will not exceed the costs that would have been allowed (including land) if the project was not a space saver school. This cost shall be deemed to be the alternative allowance. For purposes of the space saver schools, there are no specific allowances for site development, utilities, building or furniture and equipment, the only restriction on cost is that the total project cost of the space saver school may not exceed the alternative allowance. The alternative allowance shall be provided by OPSC staff.
6. All other Lease Purchase program requirements shall apply.

The following information must be submitted to the OPSC with the application for a space saver project.

1. Current Justification Document indicating project eligibility and pupil capacity.  
NOTE: The proposed project building area of the space saver school may not exceed the allowable area that is based on the capacity of the school.
2. Certification from the CDE that no land is available within the boundaries of the district or the high school attendance area that does not require the relocation of residents and/or the removal of residential/commercial structures.
3. A map of the district which identifies the general location of the proposed space saver school.
4. A narrative which identifies criteria that will be used by the district in the design of the space saver school that focuses on minimizing the relocation of residents and removal of structures. The criteria must also address the unique needs of the district.
5. Architect's preliminary design.
6. A cost estimate demonstrating that the project will not exceed the alternative allowance.
7. District's governing board resolution that authorizes the submittal of the Initial Proposal information to the SAB.