



Catching Up

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of Building Blocks. Typically, we publish our newsletter after a State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, making sure to highlight SAB actions that may be important to our customers. As you are most likely aware, the SAB meeting scheduled for May 30, 2012 was canceled. Still, this edition is full of important updates that we just couldn't wait another month to share.

The items that were scheduled for discussion at the May SAB meeting will be moved to the SAB meeting scheduled for June 27, 2012. As the information becomes available, we will post the location, notice, materials, and webcast information on the [OPSC Homepage](#) under Meeting Information, as well as on the [SAB webpage](#). We apologize for any inconvenience the cancellation of the May SAB meeting may have caused.



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Also at the June SAB meeting, we will present the priority funding apportionments for the \$619.5 million in bond sale proceeds received from the April 12, 2012 State bond sale for approval.

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

Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

Did you know?

The annual *Certification of Unused Sites* (Form SAB 423) was mailed to districts on May 2, 2012. All districts are required to complete the Form SAB 423 on an annual basis and return it to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) at the address below. Forms must be received by Monday, July 2, 2012. If there are any additions, deletions or requests for waivers, a [Modification of Unused Site Status](#) (Form SAB 424) must also be completed and mailed back to OPSC.

Please return completed forms to:

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Project Information Worksheet Improvements

By Amanda Sheffield

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is taking steps to streamline the Project Information Worksheet (PIW) process.

At the April 13, 2012 Implementation Committee meeting, OPSC presented a report which, among other things, included the addition of automatically populated and automatically calculated fields to the PIW. This would expedite the completion of submittals because information would be pulled from various resources and applied to the areas of the PIW that require dollar amounts, such as project funding costs, and calculations for square footage of buildings. This feature could be implemented without an alteration to the School Facility Program regulations.

In addition, the committee discussed the possibility of eliminating at least one required submittal. Currently, PIW submittal is required three times: 1) at the time of the full grant fund release; 2) with the first annual expenditure report following the full grant fund release; 3) with the final expenditure report when the project is complete. At the June 27, 2012 State Allocation Board meeting, the Board will consider the elimination of one or more of these submittal requirements.

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Implementation Committee Update

By Hannah Konnoff

The following items were presented at the May 11, 2012 Implementation Committee (committee) meeting:

Methods for Accepting School Facility Program Applications After Bond Authority is Exhausted

Continuing the discussion from the April 13, 2012 meeting, the committee reviewed a summary report that details options for accepting, processing, and tracking School Facility Program project funding applications once bond authority is exhausted. Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) staff will present a summary of the discussion at the June 27, 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.

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Improvements to the Project Information Worksheet (PIW)

Continuing the discussion from the April 13, 2012 meeting, the committee reviewed a summary report that details:

- several improvements to the online form that are being developed, such as having the form automatically fill in certain information and
- options for reducing the number of required PIW submittals.

OPSC staff will present a summary of the discussion at the June 27, 2012 SAB meeting.

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Implementation Committee Update, continued...

Clarification of "Available Funds" for Priority Funding Apportionments

Pursuant to SAB direction, the committee discussed:

- when funds become available for the purpose of approving apportionments during priority funding rounds,
- whether districts that have submitted multiple requests for apportionment should have a higher priority in receiving apportionments, and
- how funds that return to the program are reapportioned to new projects.

Additionally, the committee discussed proposed School Facility Program (SFP) regulatory amendments that:

- may allow requests for apportionment to remain valid for an additional SAB meeting per priority funding round and
- would change the priority funding filing period dates.

OPSC staff will present the proposed regulatory amendments at a future SAB meeting.

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Next Implementation Committee Meeting:

June 8, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 447

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Proposed Regulatory Changes for the Priority Funding Process

Discussion of regulatory changes proposed to shift the 30-calendar-day filing periods for the priority funding process from July and January to May and November.

Minimum Essential Facilities at K-8 Schoolsites

Discussion of the unique challenges faced by K-8 schoolsites related to Minimum Essential Facilities, pursuant to School Facility Program Regulation Sections 1859.77.3 and 1859.82.

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School of the Month

Chula Vista High School

Sweetwater Union High School District, San Diego County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Modernization and Career Technical Education Facilities Program
State funding from Proposition 1D — Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006

The Jack Tygett Performing Arts Center, home of the School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA), on the Chula Vista High School campus opened on December 2010. The facility is part of a \$20-million renovation for the campus being built with voter-approved Prop O funding.



The 25,729-square-foot Jack Tygett Performing Arts Center is a 680-seat theater complete with stage lighting and a professional sound system. It also houses dressing rooms and specially-designed rehearsal rooms for band, choir, dance, orchestra, and mariachi classes. Other class offerings include drama performance as well as music theory and stage production and sound techniques.

The SCPA is the only magnet program of its kind in the district. It has been recognized four times as a "Grammy Signature School" for excellence in the arts, a distinction no other school in the county has earned.

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School of the Month: Chula Vista High School, continued...



Additional improvements to the campus include a gymnasium remodel, upgrades to the boys and girls adaptive physical education buildings and locker rooms, and a new library, equipped with computer stations and study area.

Not only do the projects create a better environment for student

learning, but all construction follows environmentally-friendly building designs and practices. All landscaping is water efficient, relying on drought-resistant and native plants.

The Chula Vista High buildings were designed to increase natural and high-efficiency lighting. Rooms were equipped with monitors to track energy usage and air quality. The renovations were designed to meet gold-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

ARCHITECT:
BCA Architects

CONTRACTOR:
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Would you like to see your project featured as the "School of the Month?" Please email opscnews@dgs.ca.gov.

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Bond Proceeds Released

By Ryan Malloy

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2011 bond sales as of March 31, 2012:

March 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$528.8 million of \$528.8 million — 100 percent
Total projects: 235 projects have received funds

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.433 billion of \$1.438 billion — 100 percent
Total projects: 417 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$480.7 million of \$510.1 million — 94 percent
Total projects: 235 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$108.4 million of \$111.4 million — 97 percent
Total projects: 37 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.297 billion of \$1.351 billion — 96 percent
Total projects: 272 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.464 billion of \$1.483 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 526 projects have received funds

October 2011 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$884.7 million of \$963.6 million — 92 percent
Total projects: 375 projects have received funds

See [Status of Funds](#) for more details.

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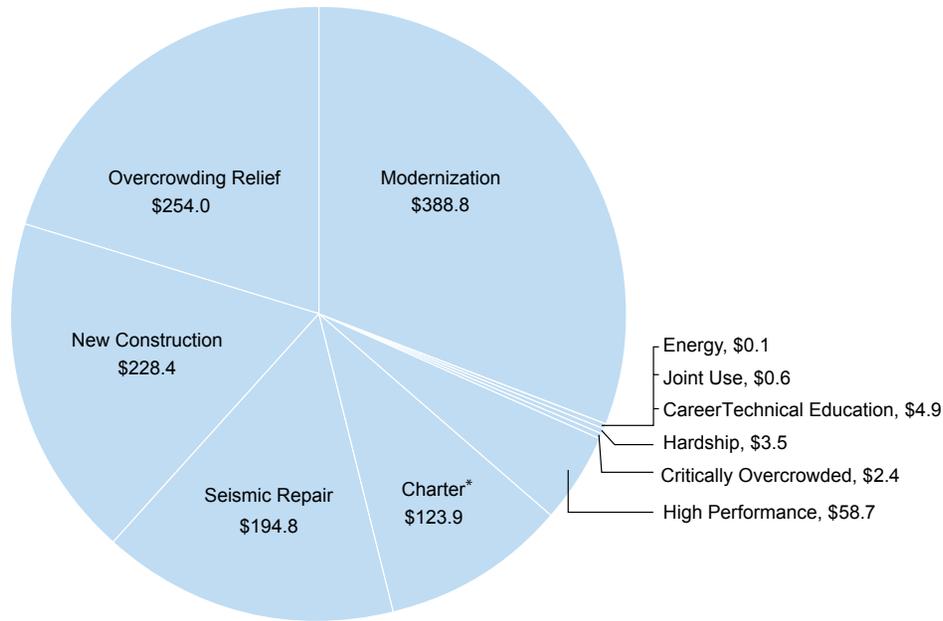
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Remaining Bond Authority



\$1.260 billion as of April 25, 2012
(by program, in millions)

*Charter remaining bond authority 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 Board.

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Regulatory Update

Prevailing Wage Monitoring Regulations

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the December 14, 2011 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.
- Proposed to implement prevailing wage monitoring compliance requirements specified in Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011 (Assembly Bill 436–Solorio).
- Effective Date: March 26, 2012

Charter School Rehabilitation Projects Applying for High Performance Incentive Grant Funding

- Adopted at the October 26, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulations provide clarification of Section 6 on the *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50–04) for Charter School Facilities Program Rehabilitation projects applying for the High Performance Incentive additional grant.
- The Form SAB 50–04 will change from Rev. 12/11 to “Rev. 04/12” to incorporate the new changes.
- Effective Date: May 15, 2012

Amendments Relating to Special Day Class Modernization Grants

- Adopted at the January 25, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulations allow school districts to request less than the currently required 101 modernization grants for projects applying for Special Day Class pupil grants, and repeal references relating to the Small High School Program.
- Current Status: 45–day comment period ends June 18, 2012.

High Performance Incentive Grants for Career Technical Education Facilities Program Projects

- Adopted at the April 25, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Proposed regulations to implement Chapter 622, Statutes of 2011 (Senate Bill 128—Lowenthal).
- Current Status: Review process continues.

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

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OPSC Deadlines and Key Dates

Upcoming Meetings and Events

State Allocation Board (SAB)—View SAB calendar

- June 27, 2012 (Wednesday), time TBD
- July 25, 2012 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- June 27, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
- July 25, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

Implementation Committee (IMP) —View IMP calendar

- June 8, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- July 13, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

SAB Audit Subcommittee Working Group

- June 5, 2012 (Tuesday) 10:00 a.m., State Capitol, Room 437

SAB Military Base/Department of Defense Subcommittee

- June 12, 2012 (Tuesday) 2:00 p.m., State Capitol, Room 2040

Upcoming Deadlines

March 2012 Priority Funding Apportionments

Deadline to submit *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) for projects that received Priority Funding apportionments at the March 28, 2012 SAB meeting:

- June 26, 2012

Annual Unused Site Certification

Certification of Unused Sites (Form SAB 423) and *Modification of Unused Site Status* (Form SAB 424) due:

- July 2, 2012

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Priority Funding

Expiration of certifications submitted during the second certification filing period:

- July 10, 2012

Start of the third certification filing period:

- July 11, 2012

Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

10th ORG Round—Submit applications by July 31, 2012

For additional information, please see the [OPSC Events Calendar](#) online.

Did you know?

School districts are now receiving the triennial *Regional Occupational Center/Program Facilities Report* (Form SAB 406R). Please return the completed form to the Office of Public School Construction at the address below, by Monday, September 3, 2012.

Additionally, if your district’s representative or superintendent has changed, please complete the *Eligibility Determination* (Form SAB 50-03).

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