



Priority Funding Progress

We're happy to provide you with another update on the Priority Funding process. If you have any questions regarding participation or status, please contact your Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) [Project Manager](#). We are always happy to speak with you regarding your projects.



Lisa Silverman
Executive Officer

Fund Releases for June 2012 Priority Funding Apportionments

At the June 27, 2012 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved \$637.6 million in priority funding apportionments for 196 projects in 96 school districts. As of September 14, 2012, the OPSC has received fund release requests for \$526.8 million for 161 projects, and nearly \$444.1 million has been released for 145 projects. The OPSC has reached out to the remaining districts by calling and sending letters reminding them of the fund release submittal deadline.

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Priority Funding Progress, continued...

For those school district that participated in the June Priority Funding round and were granted apportionments, the complete *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) was due Tuesday, September 25, 2012. The forms must have been physically received at the Office of Public School Construction by 5 p.m. that day. If the deadline was not met, the project will be rescinded without further SAB action and will receive a new Unfunded Approval date of September 25, 2012.

Current Priority Funding Certification Period:

On the [OPSC website](#) is a list of valid certifications received in the third Priority Funding round. It is the document titled "[SFP Unfunded List - Certifications Submitted](#)" located in the Quick Links. Projects on this list are those that have an Unfunded Approval and submitted a valid certification during the filing period, July 11, 2012—August 9, 2012. These certifications expire January 8, 2013. January 9, 2013, the next Priority Funding filing period begins. As a reminder, new certifications must be filed for each priority funding round in which a district chooses to participate.

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



Lisa Silverman, Executive Officer

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New Process for Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority

By Bryan O'Dell

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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New Process for Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority, continued...

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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School Facility Program Review

By Janet Mizushima

The State Allocation Board (SAB) was presented with a School Facility Program (SFP) Review report at the September 19, 2012 meeting. The report introduced discussion topics that have previously been discussed by SAB members at recent SAB meetings for potential SFP-related improvements.

The SAB formed a five-member SAB School Facility Program Review Subcommittee to further discuss the report and bring back information on the topics to the full SAB once issues have been fully explored. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) will notify school districts and stakeholders once a first meeting of the Program Review Subcommittee is scheduled, as well as provide the meeting information on the OPSC website.

Membership of the SAB School Facility Program Review Subcommittee is comprised of:

- Assembly Member Joan Buchanan, Chair
- Assembly Member Curt Hagman
- Esteban Almanza
- Kathleen Moore
- Cesar Diaz

For more information, please refer to the full report in "Section 8—Reports, Discussion and Information Items" of the [September 2012 SAB Agenda](#).

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Additional Funding Cycles Approved for the Overcrowding Relief Grant Program

By Jason Casillas

At the September 19, 2012 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) authorized two additional funding rounds, the 11th and 12th, for the Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) Program. The Office of Public School Construction is currently processing \$113 million in requested funding for the 10th funding round, leaving approximately \$103 million available for future rounds.

The application filing deadlines for the 11th and 12th ORG Program funding rounds will be Thursday, January 31, 2013 and Wednesday, July 31, 2013, respectively. If the remaining bond authority is exhausted in the 11th funding cycle, then the 12th funding cycle, or any future cycles, will not be opened pursuant to School Facility Program Regulation 1859.184(b)(7). In the future, if additional funds return to the program through rescissions or final expenditure reviews, the SAB has the ability to establish new funding cycles at that time. If at anytime there are questions about the deadlines or the process, please contact the OPSC so that we may address them.

Through the nine previous ORG Program funding cycles, 108 applications have received apportionments or unfunded approvals totaling approximately \$689.6 million.

The ORG Program enables districts to reduce the number of portable classrooms on overcrowded school sites and replace them with permanent classrooms.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Regulation Amendments for Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities

By Valerie Castro

At the September 19, 2012 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved regulatory amendments that allow the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to recognize and calculate grants for Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid facilities under the Use of Grants (UOG), pursuant to School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.77.3. The UOG regulation currently permits districts to divert new construction grants from classrooms to ancillary facilities such as multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, and conference rooms (alternative education only). The current regulation did not anticipate hybrid facilities such as a combined multipurpose room/gymnasium in the same building. At the February 2012 meeting, the SAB directed OPSC to develop proposed regulations to address this scenario.

The topic was discussed at the June, July and August meetings of the SAB Implementation Committee. After analyzing square footage allowances for multipurpose rooms and gymnasiums under the Lease-Purchase Program and data provided by the California Department of Education, the OPSC proposed the following square footage amounts to calculate the number of pupil grants a school district may request to build a Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid under the UOG:

Middle School MPR/Gym. Hybrid	Square Footage Per Pupil
Gymnasium	12.9
Food Service	2.0
Mechanical/Electrical	0.3
<i>Proposed Total</i>	<i>15.2</i>

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Regulation Amendments for Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities, continued...

High School MPR/Gym. Hybrid	Square Footage Per Pupil
Gymnasium	15.3
Food Service	3.0
Mechanical/Electrical	0.3
<i>Proposed Total</i>	<i>18.6</i>

The Regulatory amendments will take effect after receiving Office of Administrative Law approval. Updates on this process will be listed in the [Regulatory Update](#) article *Building Blocks*.

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Pre-State Allocation Board Meeting Forum Recap:

At the September 19, 2012 Pre-State Allocation Board (SAB) Meeting Forum, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) provided presentations on the following topic:

- OPSC [Directory of Services](#)

A copy of the presentation is available in the [SAB Archives](#).

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Implementation Committee Update

By *Jeremy McCarroll*

The following items were presented at the [September 7, 2012](#) State Allocation Board Implementation Committee (Committee) meeting:

Applying the Project Information Worksheet to Additional School Facility Program Project Types

The Committee discussed the expansion of the Project Information Worksheet (PIW), currently required only for modernization projects that receive high performance incentive grants and new construction projects, to all modernization projects.

Based on discussions from the Committee meetings in July and August, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) presented a PIW draft to the Committee that would collect cost-of-work information by type-of-work on the school site and type-of-work information by building. The Committee discussed the challenges school districts would face in providing OPSC with that information and recommended that the PIW collect total project cost information and type-of-work on the school site information.

A revised PIW draft will be presented at a future Committee meeting.

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The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12th.

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School of the Month

Hill Creek School
Santee School District, San Diego County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

New Construction
State funding from Proposition 47



Hill Creek School is located in the Santee School District in San Diego County. This School Facility Program New Construction project consists of ten 6—8 middle school classrooms, a two-story addition, science classrooms, computer lab and physical education locker rooms.

Hill Creek School is one of nine K—8 campuses in the Santee School District. The project adds middle school classrooms as part of an overall school campus renovation that includes modernization, photo-voltaic energy generating shade structures, joint-use facilities for teacher training, library, multipurpose room and a child care program. This addition also creates a middle school facility on campus that provides students their own space.

Hill Creek School's staff, students and parents maintain a focus on learning and on high student achievement. The Hill Creek School has a strong community presence with joint-use turf fields that are occupied constantly with sports and other civic events such as, the American Cancer Society's

annual "Relay for Life" and the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart."



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Bond Proceeds Released

By Ryan Malloy

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

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.436 billion of \$1.439 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 418 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$504.4 million of \$510.1 million — 99 percent
Total projects: 250 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: 38 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.326 billion of \$1.351 billion — 98 percent
Total projects: 284 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.481 billion of \$1.483 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 528 projects have received funds

October 2011 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$930.6 million of \$963.6 million — 97 percent
Total projects: 500 projects have received funds

April 2012 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$335.0 of \$599.0 million — 56 percent
Total projects: 87 projects have received funds

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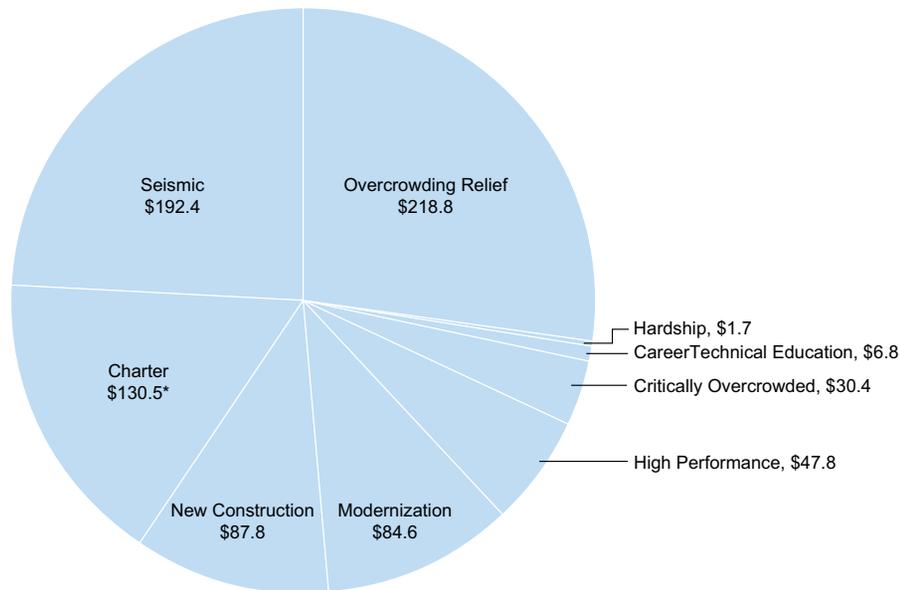
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Remaining Bond Authority

\$800.8 million as of September 19, 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 State Allocation Board.

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Regulatory Update

High Performance Incentive Grants for Career Technical Education Facilities Program Projects

- Adopted at the April 25, 2012 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting.
- Allows for the application of Career Technical Education Facilities Program projects in conjunction with the High Performance Base Incentive Grants in accordance with Senate Bill 128, Chapter 622, Statutes of 2011 (Lowenthal).
- Current Status: Submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review.

New Timeline for the Priority Funding Process

- Adopted at the June 27, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Adjusts the priority funding filing periods and extends the length of time that priority funding requests are valid.
- Current Status: Public comment period ends October 22, 2012.

Applications Received Beyond Bond Authority

- Adopted at the September 19, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Allows for the New Construction and Modernization funding and eligibility applications to be accepted but not processed, once bond authority is exhausted
- Current Status: Review process continues.

Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities

- Adopted at the September 19, 2012 SAB meeting.
- Adjusts the amounts used to calculate the number of pupil grants a school district may request to build a Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid facility under the Use of Grants Regulations.
- Current Status: Review process continues.

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the OAL.

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

Upcoming Events

Thomas A. Edison Elementary – Rededication Ceremony
Monday, October 1, 2012—9:00 a.m.
Santa Ana Unified School District, Santa Ana

Burbank Middle – Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, October 11, 2012—10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

Previous Events

Heritage High School Agricultural Research Center – Grand Opening
Saturday, September 22, 2012—11:00 a.m.
Perris Union High School District, Menifee

Lucille Roybal–Allard Elementary – Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, September 27, 2012—10:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Unified School District, Huntington Park

Gregg Anderson Elementary – Grand Opening
Friday, September 28, 2012—9:00 a.m.
Westside Union School District, Palmdale

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Upcoming Meetings

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

- October 24, 2012 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.
- December 12, 2012 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m. - Tentative

Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

Topics are subject to change. Questions may be submitted to opscnews@dgs.ca.gov in advance of the meeting.

- October 24, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
OPSC Topic: Overview of OPSC's Fiscal Team
- December 12, 2012 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m. - Tentative
OPSC Topic: TBD

SAB Audit Subcommittee Working Group

- October 9, 2012 (Tuesday) 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Implementation Committee – [View calendar](#)

- October 12, 2012 (Friday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
- November 8, 2012 (Thursday) 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines

Priority Funding Third Certification Period

- Filing Period Began: July 11, 2012
- Filing Period Ended: August 9, 2012
- Certifications Expire: January 8, 2013

Next Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Begins: January 9, 2013
- Filing Period Ends: February 7, 2013
- Certifications Expire: June 30, 2013*

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

* Pending School Facility Program Regulation approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

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