

# Funds for Fixes

Funds for Deferred Maintenance (DM) –The SAB approved the distribution of 92.4 percent – approximately \$223.3 million, of the DM funding proportionately to all participating school districts and 7.6 percent, or \$18.3 million, for “extreme hardship” projects. The amount of funding each district receives this year serves as the district’s baseline for the DM funding for the 2009/2010 through the 2012/2013 fiscal years. The OPSC Web site provides additional details for this program.

## Summary of Recently Enacted Legislation

The provisions of new legislation, Chapter 7, Statutes of 2009 (Senate Bill X2 9 – Padilla), will impact the School Facility Program. Under current law, projects funded by Propositions 47 and 55 are subject to a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) requirement and receive a grant augmentation for it. Under the new law, the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) will administer LCPs and will assess a fee to cover the costs. Public works projects funded from any state bonds will be subject to this fee for contracts signed after the effective date of the department’s regulations and adoption of the fee.



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This new legislation does the following:

- Establishes the State Public Works Enforcement Fund for the purpose of the director of the DIR to enforce prevailing wage and LCP requirements applicable to public works projects;
- Requires the DIR and the Department of Finance to establish a fee to be assessed to any awarding body using funds derived from any bond issued by the state to fund public works projects;
- Becomes effective upon the adoption of the DIR regulations and fee;
- Requires the DIR to report to the Legislature no later than March 1, 2011, on the administration of these provisions;
- Permits the DIR to waive the fee for a school district that was previously granted approval by the director to initiate and operate an LCP, and requests to continue to initiate and operate an LCP for their projects. The fee cannot be waived for a district that contracts with a third party to initiate and enforce an LCP;
- Requires the SAB to increase grant amounts for projects funded from Proposition 47 and 55 to cover the fee.

Please note that this summary is limited to provisions having impact to the programs under the jurisdiction of the State Allocation Board and the Office of Public School Construction.

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