

Board Members Go to Bat for Schools



In December 2008, California’s Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) temporarily stopped disbursing funds from the State’s Pooled Money Investment Account for capital projects, including construction of public schools. On March 5, 2009, members of the State Allocation Board sent a letter to the board requesting funding priority for school construction and modernization projects.

The funding freeze continued until the March 18 PMIB meeting where the board approved up to \$500 million in bond money for stalled infrastructure projects, subject to the sale of \$4 billion worth of bonds in the next week. Approximately \$22 million is earmarked for school projects with health and safety issues. Further updates on the PMIB and the funding process will be available on the [OPSC web site](#) in the “New Items” section.

Did You Know...

The Office of Public School Construction’s School Facility Program has succeeded in putting 3,729,650 students in new or modernized classrooms.

To date, funds awarded by the State Allocation Board have resulted in 143,449 new or modernized classrooms for our kids.

More than \$11 million in grants have been awarded to California schools for “greening” – new construction or modernization with designs and materials that:

- promote efficient use of energy and water
- maximize natural daylight
- improve indoor air quality
- use recycled materials
- use acoustics conducive to teaching and learning

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