

Fiscal Crisis – Relief Measures

#1 - STOP THE CLOCK: January 14, 2009 SAB



The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Staff has reviewed the programs it administers, on behalf of the State Allocation Board (SAB), to ensure that school districts can continue to meet statutory and regulatory requirements during this unprecedented fiscal crisis.

In order to provide relief to school districts, the SAB approved emergency regulatory amendments to Regulation Section 1859.90 and adoption of Regulation Section 1859.96. These emergency regulations enable the Board to find that certain apportionments are inactive. This finding of inactivity provides school districts relief from the 18-month time limit to request a fund release and associated requirements. Once these emergency regulations are in effect they will be noticed and posted to the [OPSC web site](#).

#2 – TIME LIMIT RELIEF

The current financial crisis has impacted some school districts' ability to proceed with facility projects. As a result, districts will not be able to submit approved project plans within the required deadlines. In order to provide relief to districts, the OPSC recommended and received approval to proceed with emergency regulations for the following programs: Charter School Facilities Joint-Use, Career Technical Education Facilities, and Critically Overcrowded Schools.

New and/or amended regulations approved by the SAB and the effective date of the regulations are two different things. Until the regulations become effective, the proposed emergency regulations are posted to the [OPSC SFP Proposed Regulations web page](#) as a helpful preview. The [approved regulations](#) will be noticed and posted to the web site upon approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

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