

Timelines for Charter Schools

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At its February 2011 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) established timelines for Charter School Facilities Program advance fund release requests during future priority funding rounds. The SAB previously approved the placement of these advances on the Unfunded Approvals list so that they may compete for funding in future priority funding rounds and asked stakeholders for feedback on appropriate time limits. Under a priority funding round other School Facility Program (SFP) unfunded approvals currently have a 90 day time limit to submit a valid fund release request upon being apportioned.

Based upon the recommendations arising from a recent stakeholders' meeting, the SAB approved time limits of 90 days for advance fund releases for design and 180 days for advance fund releases for site acquisition. Advance fund releases for site acquisition were given additional time to assist in the completion of what often proves to be a complex site approval process. However, those requesting an advance for site acquisition must show progress by executing the Charter School Agreements within 90 days of approval.

The SAB also approved the filing of emergency SFP regulations both to incorporate these timelines into future priority funding rounds and to clarify the existing priority funding round regulations.

Did you know?

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) participated in this year's Coalition for Adequate School Housing 32nd Annual Conference on School Facilities. The OPSC's presentations at this event included:

- [Top Tips \(Dave Zian\)](#)
- [The New and Approved High Performance Grant \(Brian LaPask\)](#)

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