



Walkway at La Escuelita Education Center

## Priority Funding Success!

The priority funding process continues to be a successful funding distribution method. In 2013, the State Allocation Board (SAB) made approximately 365 priority funding apportionments out of 367 total apportionments. Through priority funding, the SAB was able to apportion approximately \$876.2 million.

As we move into 2014, the priority funding process will continue to be an excellent method of funding distribution. The sixth priority funding request filing period came to a close on December 12, 2013. Districts that submitted valid requests for projects during this filing period will be eligible for priority funding apportionments from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. All previously submitted requests will expire on December 31, 2013.

I would like to take a minute to remind school districts that the regulations requiring participation in the priority funding process are in effect (School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.90.3). The regulations only apply to new construction, modernization, and Facility Hardship replacement and



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*Priority Funding Success!, continued...*

rehabilitation projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). There are two ways for a school district to choose not to participate in the priority funding process:

- 1) Not submit a valid priority funding request during the 30-day filing period, or
- 2) Submit a valid priority funding request, but fail to submit a valid [Fund Release Authorization \(Form SAB 50-05\)](#) to request the release of funds after the SAB approves an apportionment.

The second time that either of these occurs, the funding for the project will be rescinded without further action by the SAB. When a project is rescinded, the bond authority associated with it is returned to the respective program and may result in additional funding being available for future projects. These regulations do not apply to Charter School Facilities, Career Technical Education Facilities, or Overcrowding Relief Grant projects.

I am excited to announce that the High Performance Incentive Grant regulations allowing incentive grants for all Facility Hardship projects, including Seismic Mitigation Program projects, will go into effect on January 1, 2014. For more information see the article on [page 6](#).

Please send comments and suggestions for future editions of *Building Blocks* to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).

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# Priority Funding Filing Rounds

by *Thayne Gunther*

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is pleased to announce that the current priority funding filing round request period successfully concluded on Thursday, December 12, 2013. All valid certifications will be active from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

### Current Priority Funding Request Period

- Filing Period Opened: November 13, 2013
- Filing Period Ended: December 12, 2013
- Requests Valid: January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

### Next Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Opens: May 14, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: June 12, 2014
- Requests Valid: July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

The OPSC will post the final list of all projects that submitted valid certification letters during the current priority funding filing round once it is available. The list is currently available on the [OPSC homepage](#) under "Priority Funding Information."

Also under the "Priority Funding Information" section of the website are instructions for taking part in certification filing rounds. Select the [Procedures for School Facility Program Funding](#) link.

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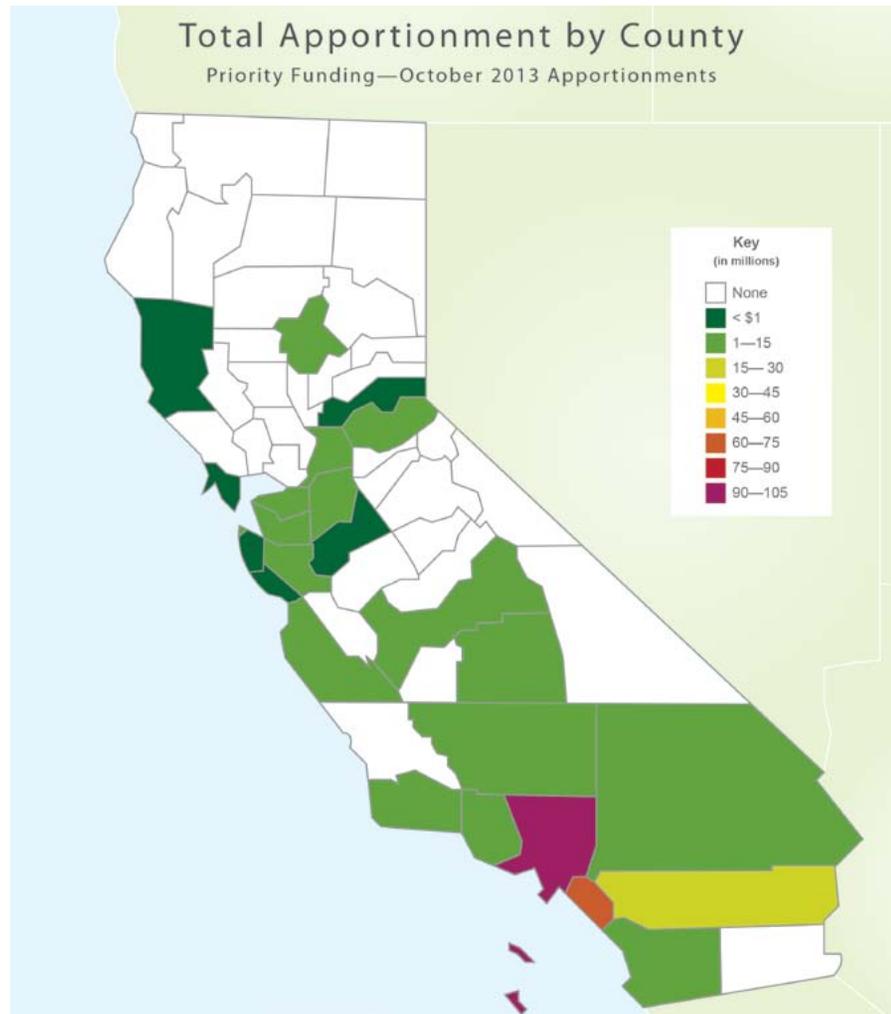


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# Where's the Money?

By Laurel Brode

At the October 14, 2013 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB granted \$285.0 million in priority funding apportionments to [112 projects](#). The following map illustrates the distribution of these apportionments by county. Apportionment amounts include Financial Hardship apportionments.



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# General Site Development Grant Extension

By Nathan Higgins

The regulations to extend the sunset date of the General Site Development grant by one year were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 5, 2013, and go into effect on January 1, 2014. Once in effect, the new sunset date of the regulations will be January 1, 2015. The approval of this extension to the grant regulation prevents a break in regulatory authority and will continue to allow applications to be processed with the grant.

The General Site Development grant is awarded in addition to other program grants to help compensate for the costs that include, but are not limited to, finish grading, onsite hard surfaced areas for foot traffic, driveways, walkways, outdoor instructional play facilities, permanent playground equipment, athletic fields, and landscaping. Calculation for the grant amount is detailed in School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.76 (d).

While there is no bond authority remaining to fund additional New Construction projects, there are other programs with available bond authority whose applications could qualify for the General Site Development grant. These include the Charter School Facilities Program and some Facility Hardship projects.

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# High Performance Incentive Grants on Facility Hardship Projects

By Tasha Brennan

High Performance Incentive (HPI) grants will be available for all Facility Hardship and Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP) projects effective January 1, 2014. The regulation amendments were approved at the May 2013 State Allocation Board meeting and were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 5, 2013.

The HPI grant is a supplemental grant available for School Facility Program (SFP) projects that incorporate high performance, such as "green," attributes in the design of their buildings. Proposition 1D (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2006) provided \$100 million in incentive grants to promote the use of high performance attributes in new construction and modernization projects for K-12 schools. Currently, there is approximately \$38 million in remaining bond authority for HPI grants. Once the regulations are in effect, the remaining authority will become available for qualifying Facility Hardship and SMP projects.

All Facility Hardship and SMP projects submitted after January 1, 2014 will have the option to request the HPI grant for projects that include high performance attributes. The same requirements for HPI approvals that apply for new construction or modernization projects will now apply for all Facility Hardship and SMP Projects. The High Performance Rating Criteria (HPRC) contained in the SFP regulations are used to determine the high performance attributes in a project, and to assign each application a score that will directly correlate to the amount of funding a project receives. The number of HPRC credits earned in a project design is determined by the Division of the State Architect (DSA) during its plan approval process. The DSA issues a scorecard to the district. OPSC uses the scorecard to determine the HPI grant amount awarded for a given project.

High performance attributes include, among other things, using designs and materials that promote energy and water efficiency, maximize the use of natural lighting, improve indoor air quality, utilize recycled materials

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*Coming Soon to Facility Hardship Projects: High Performance Incentive Grants, continued...*

and materials that emit a minimal amount of toxic substances, and employ acoustics that are conducive to teaching and learning.

The HPI grant is a two-part grant consisting of a percentage increase to the base construction grant of the project, plus a High Performance Base Incentive Grant (HPBIG) of \$150,000 for new schools and \$250,000 for modernizations and new construction additions to existing sites. The HPBIG is only available to each school site one time.

This will be a great opportunity for any Facility Hardship projects that are still in the design phase to incorporate high performance attributes in the replacement or rehabilitation plans. This is an especially exciting opportunity for SMP projects that have received DSA approval for SMP Building Eligibility Evaluation (DSA Procedure 08-03 Phase 1), Replacement Option Analysis reports (DSA Procedure 08-03 Phase 2), or Seismic Rehabilitation Pre-Applications (DSA Procedure 08-03 Phase 3), and will be submitting plans to DSA for approval in the future. If you are thinking of submitting a Facility Hardship or SMP funding application, your district will have a new opportunity to invest in green building concepts and receive increased funding for your new or rehabilitated buildings once these regulatory changes are in effect.

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# Are You Following the Labor Code? Don't Jeopardize Your State Funding!

By Janet Mizushima

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) would like to remind all school districts of current public works compliance monitoring and prevailing wage requirements when receiving School Facility Program (SFP) funding. Failure to comply with applicable statutes may result in rescission of your SFP funding by the State Allocation Board.

## Prevailing Wage Monitoring

Labor Code (LC) Section 1771.3, as amended by Assembly Bill 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2011, requires school districts that have SFP projects with a public works contract awarded on or after January 1, 2012, to notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Except for projects that meet specific exemptions in the LC, the DIR's Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU) is required to provide prevailing wage monitoring services for all such projects.

School districts should take note of the following to ensure your SFP project meets the requirements of LC Section 1771.3 and CMU:

- Provide notice to the DIR within 5 days of awarding a public works contract by submitting the electronic [PWC 100](#) form.
- Confirm your PWC 100 form submittal was received by DIR within **5 days** of when the construction contract was awarded. DIR will send a confirmation via email upon successful submittal.
- Be sure to identify your project as receiving state bond funds by requesting CMU monitoring and enforcement and by including a state bond source on the PWC 100 form.

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- For reimbursement projects, the CMU must monitor and enforce prevailing wage as state bond funds will be applied to the project in the future. This means the PWC 100 form must have been submitted 5 days after contract award even though the project may have not yet received state bond funds.

**Labor Compliance Program**

If your public contract was awarded prior to January 1, 2012, LC Section 1771.7(a)(1) requires school districts using funds derived from Proposition 47 or 55 for a public works project to initiate and enforce, or contract with a third party to initiate and enforce an Labor Compliance Program, as described in subdivision (b) of Section 1771.5 of the LC.

For more information, visit the OPSC's webpage on [Prevailing Wage Monitoring/ Labor Compliance Program Requirements](#). We encourage all school districts to thoroughly review the applicable statutes and contact DIR or their [OPSC Project Manager](#) with any questions.

**Did You Know...**  
*You Can Promote Your District's Event in Building Blocks!*

If you would like to share an upcoming event, please send an email to [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov). Typical events include but are not limited to ground breaking ceremonies, ribbon-cutting ceremonies and school openings.

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# New Charter School Facilities Program Filing Round

By Erin Cunneen

At its November 2013 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) took action to create a new filing round of the Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP). The SAB will determine the amount of funding available at a future meeting. In addition, the SAB agreed to discuss the retention of applications for eight months at the same time they determine the amount of available funding. The application filing period will run from April 1, 2014 through May 30, 2014. The [Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment \(Form SAB 50-09\)](#), and all other supporting documents, must be physically received by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014.

Charter schools and school districts are eligible to submit applications for a preliminary apportionment (reservation of funds) for new construction projects and rehabilitation of district owned existing facilities that are at least 15 years old. To qualify for funding, the charter school must be deemed financially sound by the California School Finance Authority.

Should requests for preliminary apportionment exceed the available bond authority, applications will be ranked based on the number of Preference Points earned and the type of project category, per Education Code requirements. The SAB will award preliminary apportionments once all application reviews are completed up to the available bond authority.

## Workshops Planned

The OPSC will conduct technical workshops throughout the state to assist in the preparation of applications and explain the program requirements and process. The dates and locations of these workshops will be announced in the future. Additional information, such as a list of complete submittal requirements, can be found on the [Charter School Facilities Program](#) page on the OPSC website.

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*New Charter School Facilities Program Preliminary Apportionment Filing Round, continued...*

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**Did You Know...**  
*Priority Funding Fund Release Deadlines are Approaching*

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) would like to remind districts with projects that recently received a priority funding apportionment from the State Allocation Board (SAB) that they have 90 days from the apportionment date to submit a complete and valid [Fund Release Authorization \(Form SAB 50-05\)](#). Please see the chart below with the latest apportionment date and the corresponding deadline. All wet signature Forms SAB 50-05 must be submitted to the OPSC prior to 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

If a district is unable to submit a valid Form SAB 50-05 within 90 days of the apportionment, the district will receive one nonparticipation occurrence.

A list of [frequently asked questions](#) about nonparticipation in the priority funding process is available on the [OPSC homepage](#) under "Priority Funding Information."

If you have any questions, please contact your [Project Manager](#).

SAB Priority Funding Apportionment	Form SAB 50-05 Due Date
October 14, 2013	January 13, 2014

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# Legislation Update

By Karen Mandell

**AB 97 (Assembly Budget Committee) – School Finance.  
Chapter 47, Statutes of 2013  
Urgency measure – effective July 1, 2013**

This bill implements the “local control funding formula” for the public financing of school districts, county offices of education (COE), and public charter schools. More financial responsibility and fiscal accountability are shifted to the local level.

As part of this bill, the Deferred Maintenance Program authority is repealed.

1. School districts will no longer apply to the State Allocation Board (SAB) for deferred maintenance funding and extreme hardship funding;
2. The annual apportionment of matching funds to school districts out of the State School Deferred Maintenance Fund ceases;
3. The SAB will no longer adopt rules and regulations for this program.
4. School districts are still authorized to establish a restricted fund for deferred maintenance purposes.

**SB 820 (Senate Committee on Governmental Organization) – State Government: Governor’s Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 2012 Chapter 353, Statutes of 2013  
Urgency measure – effective September 26, 2013**

This bill creates the Government Operations Agency composed of the following:

- Office of Administrative Law
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*Legislation Update, continued...*

- State Personnel Board
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**AB 308 (Hagman) – School Facilities: Sale of Surplus Real Property: Return of State School Facilities Funding Program Funds. Chapter 496, Statutes of 2013\***

This bill authorizes the SAB to establish a program requiring a school district, COE, or charter school that sells real property within ten years of receiving state school facilities funding for its purchase, construction or modernization, to return that state funding to the SAB under specified conditions. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is reviewing this bill to determine any possible program impact.

**AB 86 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Education Finance: Education Omnibus Trailer Bill. Chapter 48, Statutes of 2013 Urgency measure – effective July 1, 2013**

School districts wanting to sell or lease surplus real property must first offer it in writing to charter schools under specified conditions [Education Code (EC) Section 17457.5]. This bill extends the operation of this provision indefinitely by deleting a sunset date of January 1, 2014.

This bill extends for two years, until January 1, 2016, the provision in the EC that authorizes school districts to deposit the proceeds from the sale of surplus real property, purchased entirely with local funds, into the district’s general fund for any one-time general fund purpose, if specified financial conditions are certified to the SAB. A final OPSC report due date is extended one year until January 1, 2015.

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*Legislation Update, continued...*

**SB 73 (Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) – Energy: Proposition 39 Implementation. Chapter 29, Statutes of 2013 Urgency measure – effective June 27, 2013**

This bill implements the California Clean Energy Jobs Act approved by voters as Proposition 39 at the November 6, 2012 general election. It provides up to \$550 million annually for energy-saving projects at K-12 schools for five fiscal years beginning with FY 2013-14. Eligible projects must create jobs in California for projects that improve energy efficiency and/or expand clean energy generation.

For energy-saving projects under the existing Energy Conservation Assistance Act of 1979, this bill permits up to 40 equal semiannual payments, and authorizes no-interest loans.

**AB 182 (Buchanan) – Bonds: School Districts and Community College Districts. Chapter 477, Statutes of 2013\***

This bill does the following:

1. Limits the ratio of total debt service to principal for each bond series to not exceed four to one.
2. Provides that bonds that allow for the compounding of interest, including, but not limited to, capital appreciation bonds, can mature more than 10 years after the date of issuance, provided they may be redeemed before the fixed maturity date.
3. Requires that a public hearing must be held before a school district governing board may approve the sale of bonds that allow for the compounding of interest.
4. Provides that bonds issued pursuant to this authority by a school district that do not allow for the compounding of interest may have a maturity date of greater than 30 years, but less than 40 years.

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Legislation Update, continued...

**SB 581 (Wyland) – School Bonds: Bond Accountability. Chapter 91, Statutes of 2013\***

Under existing law school districts and county offices of education can incur bonded indebtedness for the construction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities if approved by 55 percent of the voters, and provided that specified accountability requirements are included. These requirements include annual independent performance and financial audits. These audits must be submitted to a citizens’ oversight committee.

This bill clarifies this process and requires that the audits must be submitted to the citizens’ oversight committee at the same time they are submitted to the school district. This bill further stipulates that the governing board of the district shall provide the citizens’ oversight committee with responses to all findings, recommendations, and concerns in the audits within three months of receiving the audits.

**SB 584 (Wyland) – School Facilities: Financial and Performance Audits. Chapter 167, Statutes of 2013\***

This bill requires the State Controller, in consultation with the SAB, Department of Finance, and California Department of Education, by January 1, 2015, to submit content related to financial and performance audits to the Education Audit Appeals Panel for purposes of inclusion in the audit guide: *Standards and Procedures for Audits of California K-12 Local Educational Agencies*.

**AB 116 (Bocanegra) – Land Use: Subdivision Maps: Expiration Dates. Chapter 62, Statutes of 2013**  
**Urgency measure – effective July 11, 2013**

This bill extends for 24 months the expiration date of any approved tentative map or vesting tentative map meeting specified criteria that was approved on or after January 1, 2000, and has not expired as of the effective date of this act (November 11, 2013).

\*Bills become effective on January 1, 2014, except the urgency measures, which become effective immediately upon signature by the Governor.

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# School Facility Program Review Subcommittee Update

By Jason Casillas

The State Allocation Board created the School Facility Program Review Subcommittee (Subcommittee) to discuss various aspects of the School Facility Program (SFP) and consider potential program-related improvements. These improvements may be considered for the current program or could be incorporated as part of a future bond measure.

To date, the following topics have been discussed by the subcommittee:

**November 25, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Discuss recommendations for presentation to the State Allocation Board

**November 12, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Future School Facility Needs

**October 24, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Financial Hardship
- County Offices of Education
  - » County School Facilities Consortium white paper
- Recommendations for presentation to the State Allocation Board
  - » Items to finalize/continued discussion
  - » Confirmation of Subcommittee members' positions

**October 1, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Statewide Facilities Inventory (with presentations from the following):
  - » Office of Public School Construction
  - » San Diego City Unified School District
  - » Los Angeles Unified School District
  - » California Community Colleges
- Charter School Facilities Program

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*State Allocation Board Program Review Subcommittee Update, continued...*

**September 5, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Statewide school facilities inventory
- SFP Modernization program options

**August 13, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- Dwelling unit and New Construction eligibility
- Consolidating supplemental grants
- Funding of portable classrooms

**June 10, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- New Construction funding
- Modernization funding

**May 21, 2013**—[Click here for agenda](#)

- State agency roles
  - » California Department of Education (CDE)
  - » Division of the State Architect
  - » Office of Public School Construction/State Allocation Board
  - » Department of Toxic Substances Control
  - » Department of Industrial Relations
- Project Information Worksheet

**March 6, 2013**—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Physical safety on school campuses
  - » Presentation from the California Emergency Management Agency
  - » Presentation from CDE
- University of California Berkeley Center for Cities & Schools policy report, *California's K-12 Educational Infrastructure Investments: Leveraging the State's Role for Quality School Facilities in Sustainable Communities*

**February 5, 2013**—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Financial Hardship program
- County Offices of Education in the SFP

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**January 15, 2013**—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- Charter School Facilities Program
  - » Program overview
  - » Preliminary Apportionments
  - » What happens after a Preliminary Apportionment?
- SFP Modernization eligibility
  - » Establishing modernization eligibility
  - » Adjustments to modernization eligibility
  - » Other Modernization eligibility considerations
  - » Modernization program data

**November 28, 2012**—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- SFP New Construction eligibility
  - » Enrollment projections
  - » Cohort Survival Enrollment Projection System study
  - » Existing classroom capacity
- Discuss data from New Construction and Modernization projects funded under the SFP

**October 24, 2012**—[Click here for Agenda](#)

- SFP introduction
- Overview of each funding program
- Purpose and calculation for SFP grants
- Areas of the SFP that subcommittee members would like to review in more detail for potential future changes

The meetings may be viewed via webcast on the OPSC YouTube page – [OPSCYou](#) – by clicking on the [School Facility Program Review](#) tab.

**New Webpage**

The OPSC has recently launched a new web page dedicated to providing Subcommittee specific information. The discussion topics are organized in alphabetical order by topic. Check out the new [Program Review Subcommittee Web page here](#).

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## School of the Month:

### La Escuelita Education Center

Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County

New Construction, Modernization and Overcrowding Relief Grant

State funding from Propositions 47 and 55

The long-awaited La Escuelita Education Center hosts La Escuelita Elementary School and Met-West High School, along with the Yuk Yau and Centro Infantil



child development centers, while providing the Eastlake community with a state-of-the art, multiuse structure. The complex will be used as a tool to educate its users about its green features and self-sustaining processes, while setting the bar for future development within the

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*School of the Month, continued...*

Oakland Unified School District and the state.

Some of the features incorporated in the new facilities include "energy dashboards," rainwater harvesting cisterns, cool towers, oversized



fans, and photovoltaic panels. The campus now has 35 upgraded classrooms: 17 at La Escuelita Elementary School and 18 at Met-West High School, for a total of approximately 109,000 total square feet.

The complex is a significant project designed to expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning environment for hundreds of students. It will improve the quality of life for a large number of Oakland public school children by enriching their academic, extracurricular and social experiences, and result in a versatile new facility that will be an asset to the entire Eastlake neighborhood.



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# Bond Proceeds Released

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009–2013 bond sales, as of November 25, 2013:

**April 2009 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,438.4 billion of \$1,438.5 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 421 projects have received funds

**October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$514.1 million of \$516.5 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 255 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: 37 projects have received funds

**March 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,340.8 billion of \$1,351.3 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 293 projects have received funds

**November 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,462.3 billion of \$1,483.1 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 533 projects have received funds

**October 2011 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$970.9 million of \$1,003.5 million — 98 percent  
 Total projects: 512 projects have received funds

**April 2012 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$610.5 of \$619.5 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 214 projects have received funds

**October 2012 Bond Sale and March 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$222.5 of \$230.2 million — 97 percent  
 Total projects: 110 projects have received funds

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*Bond Proceeds Released, continued...*

**March 2013 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$471.2 million of \$500.0 million — 96 percent  
 Total projects: 164 projects have received funds

**April 2013 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$106.6 million of \$108.2 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 80 projects have received funds

**October 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$0.0 million of \$273.2 million — 0 percent

**Did you know...**

*There is a new look on our website!*

The Office of Public School Construction's (OPSC) website layout has undergone changes as part of a State of California website redesign. The web addresses have not changed but many pages will look different.

In addition to the new look, OPSC has added two new pages:

- A new [Program Review Subcommittee page](#) lists prior meetings by topic, in alphabetical order, making it easier for districts to find documents and webcasts related to specific Subcommittee discussions. (All Subcommittee meetings are also listed in chronological order by meeting date in the State Allocation Board meeting archives.)
- A new [School of the Month page](#) that showcases schools featured in the OPSC's *Building Blocks* publication. You can view a list of featured schools and read articles about the schools, including a "Quick Facts" listing of programs and state contribution amounts.

New features of the website include:

- [Site map](#)
- [Report a Web Problem link](#)
- [Subscribe/unsubscribe](#) from email notifications

If you would like assistance with locating a page or information, please contact [OPSC at opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:OPSC@opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).

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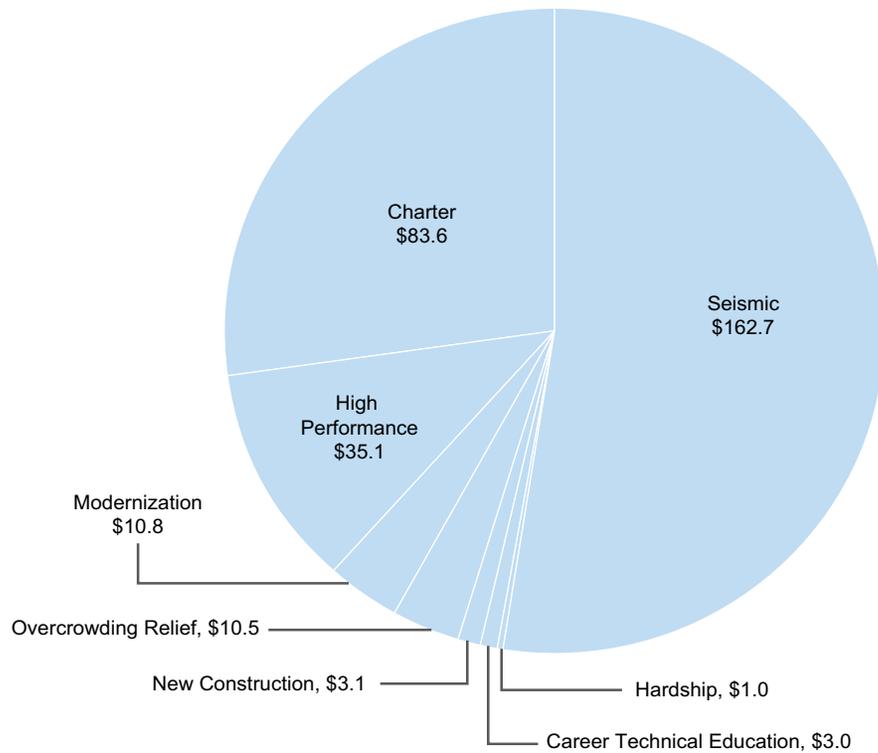
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# Remaining Bond Authority

\$309.8 million as of November 25, 2013  
(by program, in millions)



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# Regulatory Update

## Non-Participation in the Priority Funding Process

- EMERGENCY STATUS
- Provides a mechanism for the State Allocation Board to rescind school bond funding for construction projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) that twice choose not to participate in, or not to request State apportionments through, the Priority Funding process.
- Amends Sections 1859.2, 1859.51, 1859.61, 1859.90.2, 1859.90.4, 1859.104, 1859.164.2, and 1859.184.1.
- Adopts new Section 1859.90.3.
- Amends *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) (Rev. 01/13).
- Effective date: March 25, 2013.
- Regulations became permanent on August 23, 2013.

## Additional Grant for General Site Development

- Extends the additional grant for General Site Development for one year (until January 1, 2015).
- Amends Section 1859.76.
- Current Status: Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 5, 2013.
- Effective date: January 1, 2014.

## High Performance Incentive Grant for Facility Hardship and Seismic Projects

- Provides the High Performance Incentive grant to Facility Hardship, including Seismic, projects.
- Amends Sections 1859.2, 1859.71, 1859.71.6, 1859.74.5, 1859.77.4, 1859.82, and 1859.83.
- Amends *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) (Rev. 05/13).
- Current Status: Approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 5, 2013.
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# Community Corner

## Upcoming Events

### Little Mountain Elementary School – Grand Opening

Friday, January 10, 2014—10:00 a.m.

San Bernardino Unified School District, San Bernardino

### Mervyn M. Dymally High School Academy for Multilingual Arts & Sciences – Naming Ceremony

Thursday, January 23, 2014—10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

## Previous Events

### San Mateo High School Performing Arts Center – Grand Opening

Thursday, October 3, 2013—6:30 p.m.

San Mateo Union High School District, San Mateo

### California Montessori Project Elk Grove Campus – Ribbon Cutting

Friday, October 11, 2013—9:30 a.m.

Sacramento Unified School District, Elk Grove

### Ninth Street Elementary School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, October 29, 2013—10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

### Camino Nuevo High School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013—10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles

### Dr. Sammy Lee Medical and Health Science Magnet Elementary School – Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, November 12, 2013—10:00 a.m.

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# OPSC Deadlines and Key Dates

## Upcoming Meetings

### State Allocation Board (SAB) – View Calendar

- No scheduled meeting for December 2013
- January 22, 2014 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m. Location TBD

## Upcoming Deadlines

### Current Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Opened: November 13, 2013
- Filing Period Ended: December 12, 2013
- Requests Valid: January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

### Next Priority Funding Period

- Filing Period Begins: May 14, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: June 12, 2014
- Requests Valid: July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

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

## Did You Know...

### OPSC Pre–State Allocation Board Meetings Discontinued

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is discontinuing the Pre–SAB Meetings until further notice. In a district survey OPSC conducted this year, districts indicated the two most preferred methods to receive OPSC updates and information were from the [OPSC website](#) and OPSC emails. OPSC will continue to enhance the OPSC website with the latest important information for districts and email districts with important information, including: meeting dates, program updates, funding, and regulatory updates. As always, if you have any questions on information in the SAB agenda, please contact you [project manager](#). OPSC provides live webcast viewing for all SAB meetings, which are available on the OPSC website, along with [archives of past SAB meetings](#).

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