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## 2013 In Review!

2013 was a great year of collaboration for the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), State Allocation Board (SAB) and local school districts. It was a year that included many changes, yet it was also a year for business as usual. The SAB approved apportionments, fund releases, and eligibility updates. Even with dwindling bond authority, we were able to be extremely productive in providing assistance to California's numerous school districts, as evidenced in the by-the-numbers information below.

This was also a year of reflection. The SAB's School Facility Program Review Subcommittee (Subcommittee) spent countless hours reviewing the existing School Facility Program (SFP) with a very specific goal. The Subcommittee was tasked with reviewing the current program and providing recommendations for potential program-related improvements. The Subcommittee then discussed potential options to incorporate into a future program.

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The Subcommittee's recommendations were presented at the January 22, 2014 SAB meeting and the results are highlighted on page 5.

We look forward to continuing our work in the new year.

**2013 by-the-numbers...**

SFP Funds Released*	\$1.13 billion for 527 projects
SFP Apportionments Authorized by the SAB*	\$904.2 million for 332 projects
SFP Unfunded Approvals Authorized by the SAB*	\$276.7 million for 81 projects
Total Number of Applications Received by the OPSC	680
Number of Eligibility Approvals (New Construction and Modernization eligibility adjustments or newly established eligibility)	269
Number of Consent Items Prepared by the OPSC	2,474
Number of Action Items Prepared by the OPSC	13
Number of Subcommittee Meetings	11
Number of Regulation Changes that became Effective	2
Number of Building Blocks Editions	6

\*For breakdown by county please click [HERE](#).

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# Proposed Amendments to Priority Funding Participation Criteria

by Nate Higgins

On January 22, 2014, the State Allocation Board (SAB) considered options for whether to add the Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) Program, Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP), and Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) to the priority funding participation requirements outlined in School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.90.3. Currently the priority funding participation requirements only apply to New Construction, Modernization, Facility Hardship, and Rehabilitation projects on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). The CTEFP and CSFP are specifically excluded from these regulations. ORG is not addressed and therefore also exempt.

The regulations require that school districts participate in the priority funding process. If the school district chooses more than once not to participate in the priority funding process, its project will be rescinded without further SAB action. There are two ways for a school district's funding application on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) to be rescinded:

1. Not submit a valid priority funding request in 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 within 90 days after the SAB approves an apportionment.

The second time either of the above occurs, the unfunded approval and/or funding for the project will be rescinded without further SAB action. When a project is rescinded the bond authority associated with it is returned to the respective program from which it came and may result in additional funding being available for future projects.

After considering the options, the SAB directed staff to bring the item back for further discussion at the next SAB meeting.

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# New Charter School Facilities Program Filing Round

By Erin Cunneen

The State Allocation Board (SAB) approved a new filing round for the Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP). Charter schools, and school districts applying on behalf of a charter school, are eligible to apply. The application filing period is from April 1, 2014 through May 30, 2014.

To assist charter schools and school districts in the application process, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC), along with the California Department of Education and California School Finance Authority, will be presenting informational webinars and workshops throughout California. The information presented will include an overview of the CSFP, as well as a step-by-step explanation of the application process. Please refer to our website for the [schedule](#).

Additional information on the CSFP, such as a list of complete application submittal requirements, can be found on the [Charter School Facilities Program](#) page on the OPSC website. Please note that to apply to the CSFP, a complete [Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment \(Form SAB 50-09\)](#), and all other supporting documents, must be physically received by the OPSC prior to 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014. Applications may not be emailed, faxed, or otherwise electronically transferred and must contain an original wet signature. Any application received after 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2014, will be returned to the applicant. We encourage applicants to submit their applications as early as possible in the filing period as the date received is used as a tiebreaker.

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# School Facility Program Review Subcommittee Report

By Jennifer Maestretti

The purpose of the State Allocation Board's School Facility Program Review Subcommittee (Subcommittee) was to discuss various aspects of the School Facility Program (SFP) and consider potential program-related improvements. Throughout the past year, the Subcommittee completed both a broad overview of all programs, and the detailed mechanics of various programs and aspects of the SFP. The Subcommittee then discussed potential options to incorporate into a future bond program.

On January 22, 2014, the Subcommittee Chair, Assembly Member Joan Buchanan, presented a report to the SAB that outlined potential areas for program improvement along with proposed solutions that Subcommittee members have recommended for presentation to the SAB.

The report outlines the following topics:

- New Construction
  - o New Construction Eligibility
  - o New Construction Funding
- Modernization
  - o Modernization Eligibility
  - o Modernization Funding
- Consolidating Special Programs
- Facility Maintenance
- Statewide School Facilities Inventory
- Financial Hardship Program
- County Offices of Education
- Future School Facility Needs

The SAB accepted the report.

A more detailed review of all topics heard and discussed by the Subcommittee is available on the [School Facility Program Review Web page](#).

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## School of the Month

Del Lago Academy Campus of Applied Science  
Escondido Union High School District, San Diego County

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:  
New Construction Program

Designed around a core academic program that engages students in real world learning, Del Lago Academy—Campus of Applied Science prepares students for success beyond high school, through college and into their dream occupations. This college and career preparatory school of choice delivers a curriculum of career and technical education programs focused on biotechnology and health sciences,



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*School of the Month, continued...*

allowing the opportunity to meet the workforce needs of Escondido’s growing industries within these areas. The campus’ three buildings are home to 36 classrooms, including 8 science labs, a fitness center, and a dance studio.

Planning for this new concept high school involved students, parents, community stakeholders and industry partners (including Palomar Health, Life



Technologies and others). This extensive process successfully defined educational philosophies, analyzed growth scenarios, and optimized operational financial objectives of the district.

Sustainability was integral in many of the design decisions. Features include photovoltaic (PV) shade canopies as well as PV panels on roof tops.

Throughout their high school experience, Del Lago students will be engaged in hands-on learning through opportunities such as job shadowing, mentorships,

and internships. The design features designated collaboration space for project-based assignments and areas to encourage partnerships with higher education and industry leaders. A traditional cafeteria has been replaced with a café-style dining area that includes varied seating, lighting and LCD screens. The flexible-use fitness center supports Del Lago’s commitment to student health and wellness through a variety of activities. The campus has attracted students, families, and industry leaders eager to be a part of this unique learning environment.



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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 December 31, 2013:

**April 2009 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,438.5 billion of \$1,438.5 billion — 100 percent  
 Total projects: 421 projects have received funds

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

Total funds released: \$516.5 million of \$516.5 million — 100 percent  
 Total projects: 256 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: \$1,344.5 billion of \$1,351.3 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 295 projects have received funds

**November 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1,463.6 billion of \$1,483.1 billion — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 535 projects have received funds

**October 2011 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$978.6 million of \$1,003.5 million — 98 percent  
 Total projects: 515 projects have received funds

**April 2012 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$617.6 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: \$228.0 of \$230.2 million — 99 percent  
 Total projects: 111 projects have received funds

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**March 2013 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$484.5 million of \$500.0 million — 97 percent  
Total projects: 166 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: \$149.9 million of \$273.2 million — 55 percent  
Total projects: 77 projects have received funds

**December 2013 Commercial Paper:**

Total funds released: \$8.5 million of \$26.3 million — 32 percent  
Total projects: 1 project has received funds

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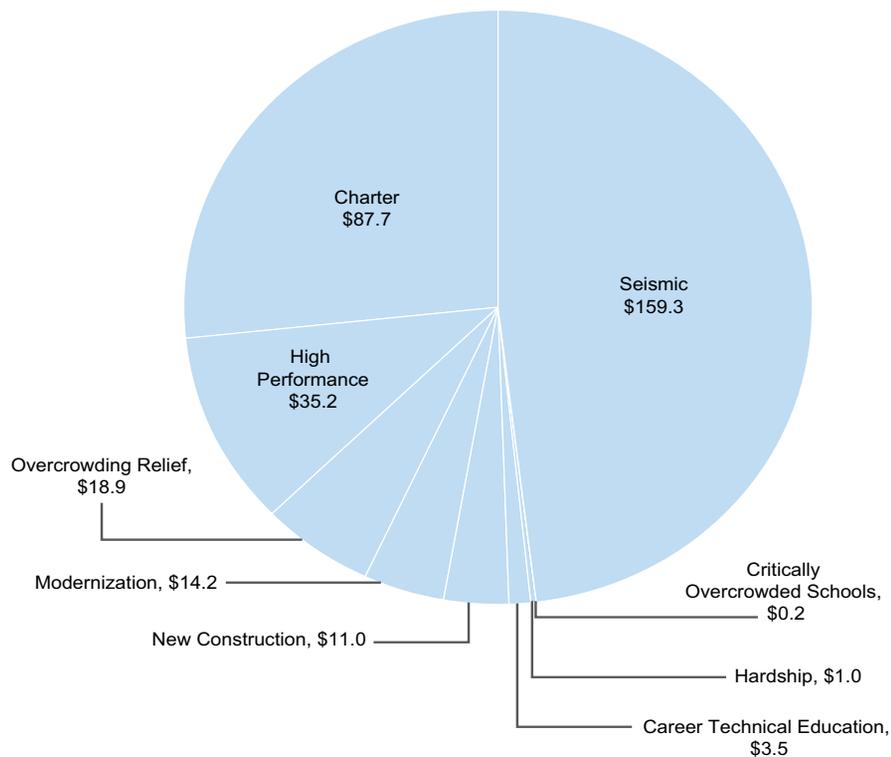
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# Remaining Bond Authority

\$331.0 million as of January 22, 2014  
(by program, in millions)



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## Upcoming Meetings

### State Allocation Board – View Calendar

- February 26, 2014 (Wednesday) 4:00 p.m. — Place TBD

### Charter School Facilities Program

Presentations include an overview of the program, as well as an explanation of the application process. Please refer to our website for the [schedule](#).

### Workshops

- February 12, 2014 (Wednesday) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm — Pacoima, CA
- February 18, 2014 (Tuesday) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm — Oakland, CA
- February 25, 2014 (Tuesday) time TBD — Sacramento, CA
- March 7, 2014 (Friday) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm — Fresno, CA
- March 19, 2014 (Wednesday) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm — La Mesa, CA

### Webinar

- April 1, 2014 (Tuesday) time TBD

## Active Certifications

### Sixth (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

## Upcoming Deadlines

### Future Priority Funding Request Period

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

### Charter School Facilities Program – Filing Round

- Filing Period Begins: April 1, 2014
- Filing Period Ends: May 30, 2014

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

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