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As bond sales take place or cash becomes available, districts with valid certifications will be eligible for priority funding apportionments. These certifications state that the school district will submit a completed

Fund Release Authorization (Form SAB 50-05) meeting all fund release requirements within 90 days of receiving an apportionment. The current certifications are valid until January 10, 2012. If these school districts do not receive a School Facility Program apportionment by this date, they, along with all other districts on the unfunded list prior to the filing deadline, will be able to file a certification during the next filing round, which begins on January 11, 2012.

In other news, on September 29, 2011, the OPSC and the Division of the State Architect hosted a joint outreach event to provide an overview of project approval processes under the recently amended Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP) regulations. We're hopeful that the amendments will result in increased participation in the SMP. Event materials are available on the OPSC's [Resources](#) webpage, under the "Training" heading.

The amended SMP regulations took effect on September 8, 2011. Among the changes are an increase in eligible building structure types and the deletion of the ground shaking threshold requirement.

For additional information on the SMP, please contact: Karen Mandell, Supervisor, at (916) 376-8959 or karen.mandell@dgs.ca.gov Jennifer Maestretti at (916) 376-5338 or jennifer.maestretti@dgs.ca.gov.

For information on "No-Cost SMP Eligibility Evaluations," please contact: Alan Shoemaker at (916) 376-5359 or alan.shoemaker@dgs.ca.gov

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Accountability, Integrity, Sustainability

By Esteban Almanza, State Allocation Board member



It is a pleasure to serve as the Department of General Services (DGS) representative to the State Allocation Board (SAB), on behalf of DGS Director Fred Klass. The SAB has a big responsibility as a caretaker of public funds. After many years working in financial management and program oversight, I understand the importance of ensuring transparency and accountability regarding the management of public funds. Full financial disclosure promotes accountability. As a new SAB member, I'm committed to continuing

to protect the financial integrity of our programs and ensuring that school districts have fair and equal access to state school facilities funding.

Before joining DGS, I spent more than seven years at the California Environmental Protection Agency. This experience provided me with a thorough understanding of the importance of sustainability and building green, and a unique perspective on the SAB programs in this area. I look forward to working with Office of Public School Construction staff and my fellow SAB members to enhance participation in the [High Performance Incentive Grant program](#). This program offers districts the opportunity to create improved classroom environments with the incorporation of "green" building attributes, and it can also provide students with a unique first-hand learning opportunity. Students in these facilities have a prime environment for learning about the benefits of green building, sustainability, solar energy, and renewable resources.

I look forward to working with you and hearing your suggestions for making the most of our programs and public school construction funding. Please feel free to contact me by phone at (916) 376-5012 or by email at esteban.almanza@dgs.ca.gov.

Detailed information on my background is available [online](#).

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More Overcrowding Relief

By Travis Williams

At the September 28, 2011 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB authorized two additional Overcrowding Relief Grant (ORG) funding rounds. The application filing deadlines for the ninth and tenth ORG funding rounds will be Tuesday, January 31 and Tuesday, July 31, 2012, respectively. In addition, the SAB requested that an item be presented in one year to discuss any remaining ORG bond authority.

Through the seven ORG funding cycles held to date, 86 applications have received apportionments or unfunded approvals, totaling approximately \$585 million. The OPSC is currently processing applications for the eighth funding cycle, which preliminarily total approximately \$118.2 million.

Did you know?

Additional electronic State Allocation Board (SAB) and Implementation Committee historical meeting information is now available on the Office of Public School Construction's website. For your convenience, you can now access information from prior [SAB meetings](#) going back to 2004 and from [Implementation Committee meetings](#) going back to 2003 online.

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OPSC is Going Even Greener!

By Nate Gargiulo

Did you know that 357 participants have signed up to receive School Facility Program (SFP) Regulations Update Notifications electronically? The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is pleased that so many people have elected to take this additional step towards helping us become a greener and more efficient office.

Receiving notifications electronically saves time and paper! Is your school district/entity interested in this process? It's easy to make the switch; just follow these instructions.

Instructions to Receive Electronic Notifications:

- Submit a completed [Regulatory Notification Authorization Form](#) with the original signature of an authorized district representative, and
- Ensure that your email system is set to allow messages from the domain "@dgs.ca.gov."

Taking these steps will allow the OPSC to ensure that all interested school district personnel and stakeholders receive electronic notifications.

For additional information, please contact Robert Young at (916) 375-5939 or robert.young@dgs.ca.gov.

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It's that "CBEDS" Time of Year Again

School districts wishing to update their School Facility Program new construction or modernization eligibility with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) must submit California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) data to verify current enrollment. CBEDS data can be obtained from the [California Department of Education](#).

The deadline to submit the *Enrollment Certification/Projection* ([Form SAB 50-01](#)) or the *Eligibility Determination* ([Form SAB 50-03](#)) with 2010/2011 data is October 31, 2011. Forms received by the OPSC on or after November 1, 2011 must report data from the 2011/2012 CBEDS. For additional information, please contact your [Project Manager](#).

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Restroom Maintenance Complaint Form - Now Available En Español

By Freda Stathopoulos

School districts are statutorily required to ensure that their restroom facilities are kept clean and fully operational, stocked with soap and paper supplies, and are open for use during school hours. The *Restroom Maintenance Complaint (Form SAB 892)* is a reporting tool available for students, teachers, parents, and other concerned parties to file complaints about the condition of restrooms in any California public school.

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) recently received the following inquiry regarding Form SAB 892 via email:

"This form is only available online in English, is there a version in Spanish? It would be helpful and allow for a better reporting of problems as families who are ESL [English as a Second Language] tend to live in areas with older, more crowded schools."

Based on this suggestion, the OPSC created a Spanish version of the Form SAB 892 in order to ensure accessibility and ease of use for the public. Both the English and Spanish versions of the form are available on the OPSC's homepage under "Quick Links" or on the "Forms by Number" webpage.

When a [Form SAB 892-SP](#) is received, the OPSC will send a notice to the involved school district detailing the complaint, which will be translated into English, if applicable, as well as a *Response to Restroom Maintenance Complaint (Form SAB 892R)*. The Form SAB 892R is to be completed by the school district and submitted to the OPSC certifying that the restroom deficiencies have been corrected. The complainant will then be forwarded an acknowledgment of district compliance.

The OPSC is available to help guide districts and complainants through the Restroom Maintenance Complaint process.

For additional information, please contact Freda Stathopoulos at (916) 375-4324 or freda.stathopoulos@dgs.ca.gov.

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School of the Month – Call for Submissions

Is your district working on a new school project? Perhaps you have a Career Technical Education, Overcrowding Relief Grant, or Modernization project underway? The Office of Public School Construction’s (OPSC) *Building Blocks* would like to feature pictures of your project and information about how your new school facility is making a difference for your students and community. Interested? It’s easy to submit, here’s how.

Step 1)

Submit pictures and a short summary of the positive impact of your school facility project to OPSCNews@dgs.ca.gov. In order to ensure receipt by the OPSC, please ensure that the total email size, including attachments, does not exceed 25MB. Please include the following:

- Name of school
- Type of School Facility Program (SFP) project
- SFP project number
- Number of facilities or classrooms benefitting from upgrades
- How your school facility is helping students and the community

OPSC staff will contact you if there are any questions about the information submitted.

Step 2)

A sample template of your project’s information will be submitted to you prior to publication to ensure accuracy.

Step 3)

Enjoy seeing your school district’s achievements featured in a future edition of *Building Blocks* and shared with facilities representatives statewide!

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Bond Proceeds Released

By Janet Mizushima

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009 and 2010 bond sales, as of September 16, 2011:

March 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$528.8 million of \$528.8 million — 100 percent
Total projects: 235 projects have received funds

April 2009 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.423 billion of \$1.438 billion — 99 percent
Total projects: 409 projects have received funds

October 2009 Bond Sale and November 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$465.8 million of \$509.6 million — 91 percent
Total projects: 226 projects have received funds

November 2009 Bond Sale and December 2009 Commercial Paper:

Total funds released: \$107.3 million of \$111.4 million — 96 percent
Total projects: 36 projects have received funds

March 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.234 billion of \$1.351 billion — 91 percent
Total projects: 262 projects have received funds

November 2010 Bond Sale:

Total funds released: \$1.446 billion of \$1.483 billion — 98 percent
Total projects: 524 projects have received funds

See [Status of Funds](#) for more details.

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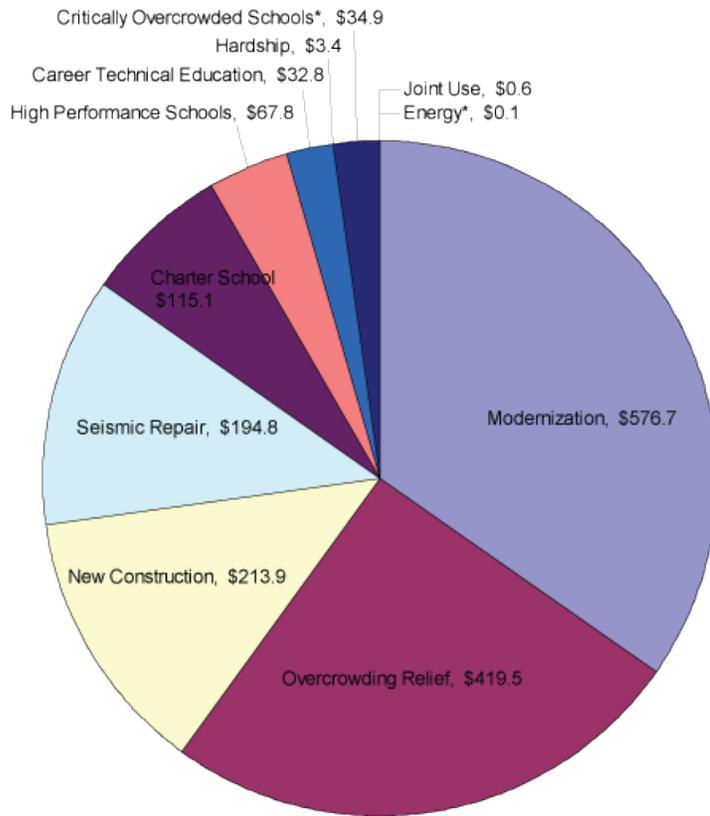
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Remaining Bond Authority - \$1.66 billion

(by program, in millions)
as of September 28, 2011



* These funds could be transferred.

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Regulatory Update

One-Year Extension of State Allocation Board (SAB) Authority to Administer Inactive Preliminary Charter School Apportionments

- Adopted at the May 25, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to extend the SAB’s authority until July 1, 2012.
- Current Status: Public comment period ended on September 5, 2011.

Seismic Mitigation Program Amendments

- Adopted on an emergency basis at the June 22, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to broaden participation in the Seismic Mitigation Program by increasing the number of eligible building structure types and eliminating the 1.68 ground shaking threshold. Also proposed to clarify criteria that the structure must have “structural deficiencies that pose an unacceptable risk of injury to its occupants in a seismic event.”
- Current Status:
 - Emergency effective date September 8, 2011.
 - 45-day public comment period will end on November 7, 2011.

Two-Year Extension of the General Site Development Grant

- Adopted at the July 12, 2011 SAB meeting.
- Proposed to extend the grant until no later than January 1, 2014.
- Current Status: 45-day public comment period will end on November 7, 2011.

Note: Regulations become effective upon review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

State Allocation Board (SAB) - [View SAB calendar](#)

- October 26, 2011 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2011 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

OPSC/DSA/CDE Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- October 26, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.
- December 7, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

Implementation Committee - [View IMP calendar](#)

- ~~October 13, 2011 (Thursday) **Cancelled**~~
- November 10, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Green California Schools Summit 2011 – [More information](#)

- Monday, October 17, 2011 from 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Pasadena, CA
OPSC Presentation: High Performance Incentive Grant Funding for K-12 Public Schools

Coalition for Adequate School Housing Fall Conference – [More information](#)

- Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in Costa Mesa, CA
OPSC Update by Acting Executive Officer Lisa Silverman

Upcoming Deadlines

School Facility Program

Last day to submit applications using 2010/2011 CBEDS

- October 31, 2011

Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

9th ORG Round - Submit applications by:

- January 31, 2012

10th ORG Round - Submit applications by:

- July 31, 2012

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