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During the first certification filing period, 187 school districts submitted certifications for 504 projects, representing a total of \$1.34 billion. The 504 projects for which certifications were submitted represent 306 modernization projects, 136 new construction projects, and 62 projects from additional programs.

Please be advised that the latest version of the SFP Unfunded list is available in each monthly SAB meeting agenda under the "Reports, Discussion, and Information" tab. Pursuant to SFP Regulation Section 1859.90.2, in the event that the amount of requests received during a specific 30-day filing period exceeds the funds available, the SAB shall apportion based on the unfunded approval date and the application received date up to the available cash from each bond source. Projects that have requested to participate in the priority funding process for which an Apportionment cannot be provided shall retain their date order position on the Unfunded List.

In other news, the annual Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) funding item requesting the apportionment of \$255.1 million was presented at the October SAB meeting. The DMP provides funding for expenditures for major repair or replacement of existing school building components, which typically includes roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, wall systems, floor systems, etc. For additional details, please read our article *Deferred Maintenance Annual Apportionment* in this edition of Building Blocks.

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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# Practitioner's Perspective

By Bill Savidge, Assistant Executive Officer

In my new position as Assistant Executive Officer to the State Allocation Board (SAB), my 16 years of experience building and modernizing school facilities in the Bay Area will provide a strong background for my work. I bring a practitioner's perspective to the position that will strengthen the Office of Public School Construction's (OPSC) efforts in assisting the SAB to meet its goals.

This is a unique time for the School Facilities Program. The debt crisis has created a challenge for public school construction funding in California. I look forward to being a part of the dialogue here in Sacramento as we work together to make state funding and our schools program sustainable ventures by listening, communicating, and helping to shape our evolving programs.

I have a passion for modernization! Programs that renovate and reconstruct California's school facilities to meet the educational program needs of 21st century learning are critical to our future. The High Performance Incentive Grant Program supports our state's green building investment. With a focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, natural day lighting and water conservation, these projects are helping to create a new generation of schools in California. As a Bay Area resident, the Seismic Mitigation Program is a welcome funding source for schools along the state's fault zones as we continue to emphasize student and staff safety in our schools.



With my previous experience as an Implementation Committee member, I look forward to chairing these meetings, working with stakeholders to create better regulations, and listening to the needs of the public. Please contact me at [bill.savidge@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:bill.savidge@dgs.ca.gov) or (916) 375-4043 with your questions and comments.

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# Recently Chaptered Legislation

By Jeremy McCarroll

The following table summarizes recently chaptered legislation impacting the State Allocation Board (SAB) and its programs. This information was presented at the October 26, 2011 SAB meeting.

**Land use: subdivision maps: expiration dates.**

**AB 208 (Fuentes), Chapter 88**

This bill extends, by 24 months, the expiration date of any approved tentative map or vesting tentative map that was not expired as of July 15, 2011 and will expire prior to January 1, 2014.

**Public works: labor compliance.**

**AB 436 (Solorio), Chapter 378**

This bill requires the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) to monitor and enforce prevailing wage requirements for every State bond-funded project, including, but not limited to, School Facility Program (SFP) projects, with exceptions.

School districts will reimburse the DIR for its monitoring and enforcement. This reimbursement will be capped at one quarter of one percent of the total State bond apportionment. The SAB will increase the grant consideration of the State share of the new DIR costs, regardless of bond source.

These requirements will go into effect as of the effective date of regulations adopted by the DIR to implement the legislation.

**Education finance: Oakland Unified School District: sale of surplus property.**

**AB 677 (Skinner), Chapter 164**

This bill reauthorizes the Oakland Unified School District to sell property owned by the district and to use the proceeds from the sale to reduce or retire a \$100 million loan from the General Fund.

The bill prohibits eligibility for financial hardship assistance under the SFP. The provisions of the bill will operate from January 1, 2012 until June 30, 2016.

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**Education finance: Budget Act of 2011.**

**SB 70 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Chapter 7**

This bill extends the following provisions from 2012/2013 to 2014/2015:

- the use of 2008/09 Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) funding amounts to calculate the annual DMP funding amount for individual school districts
- school districts do not need to match State DMP funds in order to receive State funding
- school districts do not need to submit a report to the Legislature if they do not match their State DMP funds
- school districts may use State DMP funds for "any educational purpose"
- new DMP Extreme Hardship projects will not be funded

It extends, from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2014, the provision that authorizes a school district to deposit the proceeds from the sale of surplus school property, together with any personal property located on that property, purchased entirely with local funds, into the general fund of the district and to use those proceeds for any one-time general fund purpose.

**School facilities funding: high-performance schools.**

**SB 128 (Lowenthal), Chapter 622**

This bill adds the cost of designs and materials that support the characteristics of high-performance schools to the types of costs that may be included in a modernization project.

It also makes Career Technical Education Facilities Program new construction and modernization projects eligible for the high performance incentive grant.

**Did you know?**

**Requirement to Report Project Savings**

Districts with project savings on a School Facility Program funded project must submit an *Expenditure Report (Form SAB 50-06)* along with a *Detailed Listing of Project Expenditures* showing that project savings have been expended on other high priority capital facility needs of the district. Education Code Section 17076.10(a) requires these reports to be submitted annually until all project funding (State share plus the district's required matching share) has been expended.

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# Deferred Maintenance Annual Apportionment

By Tasha Brennan

On October 26, 2011, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 funding for the Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP). More than one thousand school districts shared approximately \$255 million in State DMP funding, provided primarily by the Governor’s Budget and other funding sources, to perform major maintenance work on school facilities. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is working with the State Controller’s Office to release these funds and districts should begin receiving DMP funds in their District Deferred Maintenance Fund (DDMF) account around the beginning of the new year.

The district matching share requirement continues to be suspended and districts are permitted to use DMP funding for “any educational purpose” through Fiscal Year 2014/2015. This means that districts are not required to deposit a matching share requirement this year and their County Office of Education is not required to certify to the OPSC deposits made by districts into their DDMF. Additionally, districts are not required to submit a new or updated *Deferred Maintenance Program Five Year Plan (Form SAB 40-20)* in order to receive a DMP Grant.

For more detailed information on this subject, please visit the [Deferred Maintenance Program](#) webpage or contact:

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Tasha Brennan at (916) 375-4138 or [tasha.brennan@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:tasha.brennan@dgs.ca.gov)

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# What's New on the OPSC Website

By Shelley Nishikawa

In an effort to further improve our services, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has added a few more features to our website. Here's the latest...

## Events Calendar

To better show our stakeholders upcoming key dates and events, located under "Meeting Information" on the [home page](#), there is a link to the new [OPSC Events Calendar](#). The calendar includes all scheduled State Allocation Board and Implementation Committee meetings as well as scheduled outreach events, key dates, deadlines, and state holidays when the OPSC will be closed.

The calendar offers multiple viewing options (month, week and list) and viewers have the ability to sign up for email reminders and to export the event to a compatible calendar. We hope that this new tool will be a valuable resource to our customers.

## Presentations

The Financial Hardship Re-Review Webinar Presentation is now available on our ["Resources"](#) tab under "Presentations." In case you missed it, you will find the recorded webinar as well as the presentation, handout, and questions and answers.

Additionally, OPSC Staff recently participated in the Green School Summit and the Coalition for Adequate School Housing's Fall Conference. The OPSC presentations and handouts from these events are also available online.

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# Wanted: Expelled Pupil and Community Schools Reports

By Tasha Brennan

All school districts and county offices of education (COEs) were required to submit the Expelled Pupils Facilities Report (Form SAB 406E) and the Community Schools Facilities Report (Form SAB 406C) to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) by September 1, 2011. Education Code Section 17292.5(c) requires the submittal of these forms on a triennial basis.

The OPSC continues to collect data from these forms to report the results to the State Allocation Board at its December meeting. If your district has not yet submitted the forms, please submit them by November 7, 2011. The Form SAB 406E and Form 406C must be returned even if the school district or COE does not operate community schools or expelled pupil programs.

Please submit outstanding forms to:

The Office of Public School Construction  
Attention: Adrian Felseghi  
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West Sacramento, CA 95605

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## Update to Districts with Projects that Have Received Proposition 47 or Proposition 55 Funding

At the October State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting, the SAB announced to all school districts that because the bond authority for Proposition 1D has been depleted, there is no longer the potential for bond source switching as a solution for districts that have received funds from Propositions 47 and 55 and have not implemented and enforced an approved Labor Compliance Program (LCP). If your project is subject to LCP and the LCP requirements are not met, your project will be subject to future rescission. For additional questions on LCP requirements, please contact your [Project Manager](#).

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# School of the Month

## Frank Intermediate School

Ventura County Office of Education, Ventura County

### DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Special Education Facility

The Medical Therapy Unit and nine-classroom special education facility at the school serve to provide critical state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy services to the greater Oxnard community and meet the current demand for technologically integrated classrooms for students with moderate to severe disabilities within Ventura County. The project represents the first new classroom facility built by the Ventura County Office of Education in more than 20 years.



Poul Hanson, Facilities Director; Alan Camerano, DC Architects; Judy Greycloud, Principal; John Gahan, Special Education Executive Director

Would you like to see your project featured as the "School of the Month?" Please email [opscnews@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:opscnews@dgs.ca.gov).

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# Bond Proceeds Released

By Ryan Malloy

The Office of Public School Construction has processed the following fund releases from 2009 and 2010 bond sales, as of October 21, 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: \$466.5 million of \$509.6 million — 92 percent  
Total projects: 227 projects have received funds

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

Total funds released: \$108.4 million of \$111.4 million — 97 percent  
Total projects: 36 projects have received funds

**March 2010 Bond Sale:**

Total funds released: \$1.252 billion of \$1.351 billion — 93 percent  
Total projects: 263 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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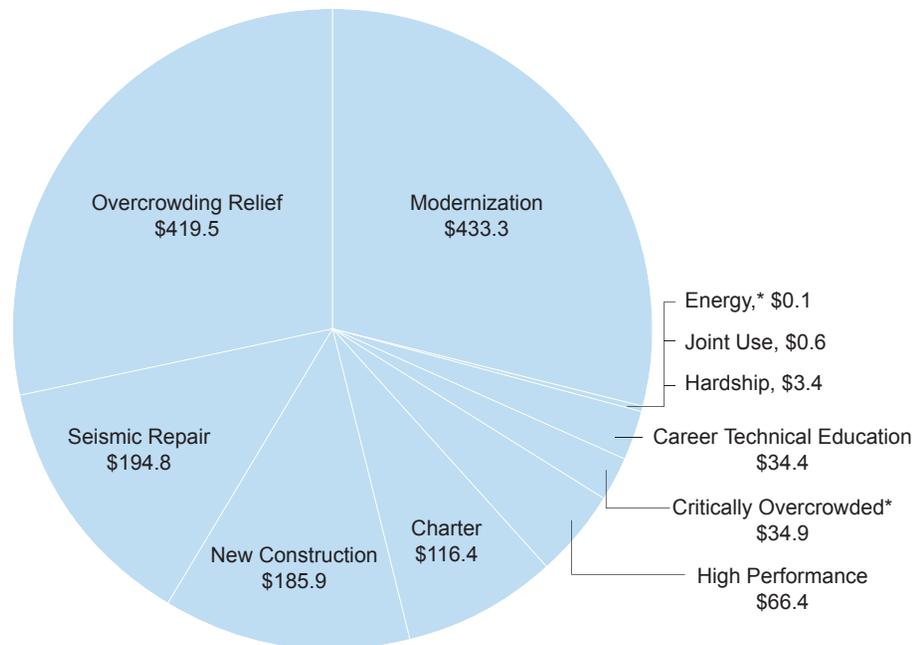
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# Remaining Bond Authority

\$1.49 billion as of October 26, 2011  
(by program, in millions)



\* 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.
- Effective date October 18, 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: Public comment period ends on November 7, 2011.

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

### Did you know?

#### Application Processing During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is rapidly approaching. If you are planning to submit eligibility or funding applications before the end of the 2011 calendar year, please be aware that the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) will continue to process applications and may send time-sensitive correspondence related to those projects during your holiday break. Districts are encouraged to designate a staff member who will be available to respond to 15 and 4-day letter requests in order to maintain processing timelines. OPSC staff will endeavor to be flexible with these requests; however, school districts must be responsive to ensure that their projects are submitted to the State Allocation Board for approval in a timely fashion.

In order to provide school districts with the maximum possible lead time for preparation of a response during the holiday season, OPSC Project Managers will contact potentially affected district personnel directly prior to mailing request letters. If you have any questions, please contact your [Project Manager](#) for assistance.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

- December 14, 2011 (Wednesday) 2:00 p.m.

### Pre-SAB Meeting Forums

- December 14, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m.

### Implementation Committee – [View IMP calendar](#)

- November 17, 2011 (Wednesday) 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Deadlines

### School Facility Program

Last day to submit applications using 2010/2011 CBEDS

- October 31, 2011

### Priority Funding

Expiration of certifications submitted during the first certification filing period

- January 10, 2012

Start of the second certification filing period

- January 11, 2012

### Overcrowding Relief Grant Program (ORG)

9th ORG Round – Submit applications by:

- January 31, 2012

10th ORG Round – Submit applications by:

- July 31, 2012

*For additional information, please see the [OPSC Events Calendar](#) on-line.*

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