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**To:** All School Districts and County Superintendents of Schools

**From:** **Rob Cook**  
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**Subject:** **PROPOSITION 1D HIGH PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANTS**

Proposition 1D contained \$100 million in funding for High Performance Incentive (HPI) grants to promote the use of high performance attributes in new construction and modernization projects for K-12 schools. High performance attributes include using designs and materials that promote energy and water efficiency, maximize the use of natural lighting, improve indoor air quality, utilize recycled materials and materials that emit a minimum of toxic substances, and employ acoustics that are conducive to teaching and learning. Currently, \$88.7 million of these funds remain available for K-12 schools that qualify.

A total of 14 districts have submitted 61 applications to take advantage of HPI grants for their projects, earning an average increase of 2.3% to the base grant amount. Many of the options that earn credit also come at little or no additional cost, such as water efficient restroom fixtures, energy efficient lighting and better use of the sun. In addition to increasing the amount of funding received for these projects, the integration of High Performance components can also improve student performance and reduce operating expenses.

The State Allocation Board and the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) want to urge greater participation in this program. The following links provide information to help you obtain HPI grants:

- OPSC regulation Sections 1859.71.6 and 1859.77.4 for obtaining HPI grant funding: [http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Regulations/SFP\\_Regs.pdf](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/Regulations/SFP_Regs.pdf)
- Division of State Architect's (DSA) HPI grant scorecards and checklists for applicants: <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/OtherProg/hps.htm>
- DSA's Grid Neutral guidebook and other Grid Neutral Schools Program information: <http://www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov/OtherProg/gridneutral.htm>
- The United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system: <http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=1586>
- The Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS): <http://www.chps.net/>

I ask that you take a few minutes to review information in the links provided above. Should you have any questions related to HPI grants or the funding process, please contact your OPSC project manager.

Sincerely,

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