

Section 1859.2. Definitions.

For the purpose of these regulations, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings, subject to the provisions of the Act:

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"Form SAB 50-05" means the *Fund Release Authorization*, Form SAB 50-05 (Revised ~~10/12~~ 01/13), which is incorporated by reference.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 17070.35 and 17078.64, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17009.5, 17017.6, 17017.7, 17021, 17047, 17050, 17051, 17070.15, 17070.51(a), 17070.71, 17070.77, 17071.10, 17071.25, 17071.30, 17071.33, 17071.35, 17071.40, 17071.75, 17071.76, 17072.10, 17072.12, 17072.18, 17072.33, 17073.25, 17074.10, 17074.30, 17075.10, 17075.15, 17077.40, 17077.42, 17077.45, 17078.52, 17078.56, 17078.72(k), 17079, 17079.10, 17280, 56026, and 101012(a)(8), Education Code; Section 53311, Government Code; and Sections 1771.3 and 1771.5, Labor Code.

Section 1859.51. Adjustments to the New Construction Baseline Eligibility.

The baseline eligibility for new construction determined on the Form SAB 50-03, will be adjusted as follows:

- (a) Reduced by the number of pupils provided grants in a new construction SFP project and by the number of pupils that received a Preliminary Apportionment pursuant to Section 1859.140 or a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment pursuant to Section 1859.162.2.
- (b) Reduced by the number of pupils housed, based on the loading standards pursuant to Education Code Section 17071.25(a)(2)(A), in a new construction LPP project funded under the provisions of the LPP pursuant to Sections 1859.12 or 1859.13.
- (c) Reduced by the number of pupils housed in additional classrooms constructed or purchased based on the loading standards, pursuant to Education Code Section 17071.25(a)(2)(A), in a modernization SFP project.
- (d) Adjusted as a result of the audit findings made pursuant to Sections 1859.90, 1859.90.3 and 1859.105.

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Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17052, 17070.51, 17071.25, 17071.75, 17071.76, 17072.20, 17077.40, 17078.72, 17079.20, 42268, and 42270, Education Code.

Section 1859.61. Adjustments to the Modernization Baseline Eligibility.

The baseline eligibility for modernization as provided in Section 1859.60 for a specific site will be adjusted as follows:

- (a) Reduced by the number of pupils provided grants in a modernization SFP project or a CSFP Rehabilitation project at the specific site.
- (b) Reduced by the number of pupils housed, based on the loading standards pursuant to Education Code Section 17071.25(a)(2), in a modernization LPP project funded under the LPP pursuant to Sections 1859.14 and 1859.15.
- (c) Increased by changes in projected enrollment in subsequent enrollment reporting years.
- (d) Increased for additional facilities not previously modernized with State funds, that become 25 years old, if permanent, or 20 years old, if portable or as a result of audit findings made pursuant to Sections 1859.90, 1859.90.3, and 1859.105.

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Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17070.51, 17071.25, 17072.15, 17072.20, 17073.15, 17074.10, 17075.10 and 17079.30, Education Code.

Section 1859.90.2. Priority Funding Process.

The priority funding process allows the Board to distribute available funds to districts or charter schools that request, pursuant to (a) or (b) below, as applicable, an Apportionment or an advance release of funds from a Preliminary Apportionment or Preliminary Charter School Apportionment, during specific 30-calendar day filing periods beginning with

July 27, 2011 and continuing with the 2nd Wednesday of January and the 2nd Wednesday of July of 2012. Requests submitted during the filing periods described above are valid until the next filing period begins. The specific 30-calendar day filing periods subsequent to 2012 begin with January 9, 2013 and continue with the 2nd Wednesday of May and the 2nd Wednesday of November, each calendar year. Requests submitted during the filing period beginning with January 9, 2013 are valid until June 30, 2013. Requests submitted during a filing period beginning with the 2nd Wednesday of May are valid from July 1 until December 31 of that year. Requests submitted during a filing period beginning with the 2nd Wednesday in November are valid from January 1 until June 30 of the following year. Requests must be physically received by the OPSC by the 30th calendar day of each filing period to be considered valid.

~~During the priority funding process a district or charter school must submit a valid, original signature copy of the Form SAB 50-05 within a specified time period of the Apportionment or approved advance release of funds request, pursuant to (a)(2) or (b)(2) of this section, as applicable.~~

~~Projects receiving an apportionment as part of the priority funding process for which the OPSC does not physically receive a valid, original signature copy of the Form SAB 50-05 within the time limit pursuant to (a)(2) or (b)(2) of this section, as applicable, shall be rescinded without further Board action.~~

- (a) In order to be considered for an Apportionment, approved advance release of design funds from a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment, or approved advance release of environmental hardship site acquisition funds from a Preliminary Apportionment, the district or charter school must provide a priority funding request in the form of a written statement signed by an authorized representative that includes each of the project application numbers, and the type of apportionment request (e.g., Apportionment, separate apportionment for design or site acquisition), within the 30-calendar day filing period, and shall contain all of the following:
 - (1) Statement that the request is to convert the unfunded approval to an Apportionment or to receive an approved advance release of funds; and
 - (2) Acknowledgement that a valid, original signature Form SAB 50-05 must be submitted and physically received by the OPSC within 90 calendar days of Apportionment or approved advance release of funds request and that failure to do so will result in the rescission of the Apportionment or approved advance release of funds request without further Board action; and
 - (3) Acknowledgement that, if the district submits the Form SAB 50-05 on or after July 1, 2013 and is required to submit an LCP third party report, pursuant to Section 1859.97(b), the report will be submitted to the OPSC and the DIR at least 60 days prior to submitting the Form SAB 50-05; and
 - (4) For those receiving an Apportionment, acknowledgement that by participating in the priority funding process, the district or charter school is waiving its right to the 18 month timeline for fund release submittal described in Section 1859.90.
- (b) In order to be considered for an approved advance release of site acquisition funds from a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment, the district or charter school must provide a priority funding request in the form of a written statement signed by an authorized representative within the 30-calendar day filing period, and shall contain all of the following:
 - (1) Statement that the request is to convert the advance release of funds to an approved advance release of funds request; and,
 - (2) Acknowledgement that a valid, original signature Form SAB 50-05 must be submitted and physically received by the OPSC within 180 calendar days of the approved advance release of funds request and that failure to do so will result in the rescission of the approved advance release of funds request without further Board action; and
 - (3) Acknowledgement that it must provide evidence that it has entered into the Charter School Agreements within 90 calendar days of approval of the advance release of funds request and that failure to do so will result in the rescission of the approval without further Board action.
- (c) If a district or charter school receives an Apportionment or approved advance release of funds request through the priority funding process, the OPSC must receive a valid, original signature copy of the Form SAB 50-05 within the specified time period, pursuant to (a)(2) or (b)(2) as applicable. If the OPSC does not receive a valid, original signature copy of the Form SAB 50-05 within the time period:
 - (1) The priority funding Apportionment or approved advance release of funds request shall be rescinded without further Board action, and

- (2) If the application is not subject to rescission pursuant to Section 1859.90.3(c) as defined in Section 1859.90.3(d), the application shall return to the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) with a new unfunded approval date that is 90 calendar days from the date of Apportionment or approval of the advance release of funds request.
- (d) In the event that the amount of requests received during a specific 30-calendar day filing period exceeds the funds available, the Board 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 (Lack of AB 55 Loans). Requests not converted to apportionments will not be returned to the district or kept by the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC).
- (e) For purposes of this section "rescinded" or "rescission" shall mean that the apportionment or approved advance release of funds request returns to unfunded approval status with a new unfunded approval date. The new unfunded approval date will be 90 calendar days after from the apportionment date. The district or charter school will not be required to re-submit the application and no further application review will be required.

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17072.12, 17072.30, 17074.16, 17076.10, 17077.40, 17077.42 and 17077.45, Education Code.

Section 1859.90.3. Participation in the Priority Funding Process.

This section applies only to applications for new construction, modernization, Facility Hardship pursuant to Section 1859.82 and rehabilitation pursuant to Section 1859.83(e), and specifically excludes applications for the Charter School Facilities and Career Technical Education Facilities Programs.

- (a) For each application on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) for new construction, modernization, Facility Hardship pursuant to Section 1859.82 or rehabilitation pursuant to Section 1859.83(e), the occurrences of (1) or (2) below shall be limited after the effective date of this regulation section:
- (1) The district abstains from participating in a priority funding 30-calendar day filing period described in Section 1859.90.2 for the application on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans).
- (2) The application receives a priority funding Apportionment pursuant to Section 1859.90.2(a), and the district fails to meet the fund release requirements pursuant to Section 1859.90.2(c).
- (b) The first occurrence of (a)(1) or (a)(2) shall result in the following, as applicable:
- (1) If (a)(1) occurs, the application shall retain its place on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans).
- (2) If (a)(2) occurs, the priority funding Apportionment shall be rescinded and the application shall be returned to the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) pursuant to Section 1859.90.2(c)(2).
- (c) If subsection(b) has occurred, a subsequent occurrence of either (a)(1) or (a)(2) shall result in the rescission of the application's Apportionment and/or unfunded approval, as applicable, and the removal of the application from the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) without further Board action. The application shall be returned to the applicant.
- (d) For purposes of subsection (c), "rescinded" or "rescission" of an unfunded approval shall mean that the bond authority associated with the Apportionment or unfunded approval, as applicable, returns to the appropriate School Facility Program bond authority source for reallocation. If applicable, the pupils housed in the project will be added back to the district's baseline eligibility pursuant to Sections 1859.51(d) for new construction or 1859.61(d) for modernization.

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17072.12, 17072.30, 17074.16 and 17076.10, Education Code.

Section 1859.90.3.4. Local Bond Reimbursement Fund Releases.

When a school district uses local bond funds to make eligible project expenditures authorized in the Leroy F. Greene Act and state school bonds funds are made available to reimburse the state's share of those eligible project expenditures, the reimbursement funds shall be used as follows:

- (a) Toward retiring the local bonds; and/or
- (b) Toward uses permitted by the local bond, or
- (c) For any high priority capital outlay expenditure in the district as permitted in Education Code Section 17070.63(c).

The use of the reimbursement funds in accordance with this section shall be subject to oversight by the applicable county office of education pursuant to Education Code Section 1240.

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17070.63 and 17072.35, Education Code.

Section 1859.104. Program Reporting Requirements.

A district receiving funds in accordance with the Act shall submit the following:

- (a) An expenditure report from the district on the Form SAB 50-06. The program reporting requirements are as follows:
 - (1) The first expenditure report shall be due one year from the date that any funds were released to the district for the project pursuant to Section 1859.90 or 1859.90.2, or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first. A project shall be deemed complete when either of the following occur:
 - (A) When the notice of completion for the project has been filed, all outstanding invoices, claims, change orders have been satisfied and the facility is currently in use by the district.
 - (B) Three years from the date of the final fund release for an elementary school project or four years from the date of the final fund release for a middle or high school project.
 - (2) The second and subsequent expenditure reports, if necessary, shall be due annually beginning one year from the first report, or upon completion of the project, whichever occurs first. The final expenditure report must be made no later than three years from the date of the final fund release for an elementary school project or four years from the date of the final fund release for a middle or high school project.
- (b) With the exception of projects that qualify for an apportionment pursuant to Section 1859.75.1, a progress report, in the form of a narrative from the district, shall be due 18 months from the date any funds were released to the district for the project pursuant to Section 1859.90 or 1859.90.2. The progress report shall include information regarding the progress the district has made towards substantial completion of the project. If the notice of completion has been filed within 18 months of the release of funds pursuant to Section 1859.90 or 1859.90.2, or the expenditure reports required in (a)(1) or (2) indicate that substantial progress (as defined in Section 1859.105) on the project has occurred, no progress report is required.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 17070.35, 17072.13 and 17079.30, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17070.35, 17070.99, 17072.12, 17072.13, 17076.10 and 17079.30, Education Code.

Section 1859.164.2. Preliminary Charter School Apportionment Fund Release.

A Charter School receiving a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment from the Board after July 2, 2003 may request an advance release of funds for either of the following:

- (a) A separate advance release of funds for design equal to 20 percent of the amount determined in Section 1859.163.1(a)(1) through (9) or Section 1859.163.5(a) through (g).
- (b) A separate advance release of funds for site acquisition once the requirements in Section 1859.81.1(a)(2) and (3) are met for an amount not to exceed the Preliminary Charter School Apportionment for site acquisition. The Board shall release to the Charter School an amount up to the Preliminary Charter School Apportionment determined in Section 1859.163.1(b).

Qualified Charter Schools may request a separate advance release of funds for the design and for the site acquisition for the same project. A Charter School seeking an advance release of funds pursuant to (a) and/or (b) must have been deemed and maintained financial soundness status from the Authority. Subject to the availability of financing provided by the Pooled Money Investment Board for bond-funded projects, the OPSC will release State funds included in a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment pursuant to (a) or (b) to the Charter School after submittal of the Form SAB 50-05. The OPSC shall not release funds in excess of the Preliminary Charter School Apportionment. State funds released from a Preliminary Charter School Apportionment pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the provisions in Section 1859.166. Once the Preliminary Charter School Apportionment is converted to a Final Charter School Apportionment

pursuant to Section 1859.167, the Charter School may request a release of the remaining funds as prescribed in Section 1859.90 or 1859.90.2. Prior to the release of any funds, the Charter School Agreements must be executed.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 17070.35 and 17078.64, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17078.53 and 17078.58, Education Code.

Section 1859.184.1. Application Process for Districts with Financial Hardship Approval.

An approved application for districts that have received Financial Hardship approval shall be substantially identical to that of non-financial hardship districts, with the exception of those districts proposing projects that require the use of condemnation proceedings to acquire all or a portion of the site on which the project will be located. In this instance, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) A complete application shall include:
 - (1) Documentation of Financial Hardship approval pursuant to Section 1859.81.
 - (2) All project related approvals and requirements that would otherwise apply to SFP projects with the exception of ownership pursuant to Section 1859.23 for those parcels being acquired through condemnation proceedings. A CDE site approval letter is required for all components of the site, including the area to be acquired through condemnation. The CDE Final Plan Approval letter must include the acreage to be acquired through condemnation. This subsection includes the submittal of DSA approved construction plans and related documents.
 - (3) A copy of the Resolution of Necessity for the initiation of condemnation proceedings.
 - (4) For any additional parcels that are being acquired without condemnation, documentation that demonstrates that the district has opened escrow, has ownership, or holds a lease meeting the requirements of Section 1859.22.
 - (5) An appraisal for the value of all properties being acquired as part of the application.
- (b) Site Acquisition Funding for Financial Hardship Overcrowding Relief Grant applications using condemnation shall be equal to the sum of:
 - (1) The lesser of the actual or appraised value for all parcels acquired through means other than condemnation, pursuant to Section 1859.74.
 - (2) The appraised value of the parcels being acquired through condemnation, multiplied by 1.15.
 - (3) Amounts for hazardous waste removal pursuant to Sections 1859.74.2, 1859.74.3 and/or 1859.74.4.
- (c) The Overcrowding Relief Grant projects meeting the criteria in subsection (a) above shall be able to request an advance fund release for site acquisition when condemnation proceedings are required for the acquisition of the site. The advance fund release shall be equal to the State share plus the Financial Hardship grant of only the amount determined in subsection (b).
- (d) Pursuant to Section 1859.103, grants for Overcrowding Relief Grant projects shall be limited to eligible expenditures, up to the State Apportionment for the project with the exception of the funds provided in subsection (b) above that are for site acquisition purposes only and cannot be transferred over to eligible construction related costs.

When making an apportionment for an Overcrowding Relief Grant project meeting the criteria in this section, the Board shall make a Final Apportionment for the total project cost. However, the fund release for the non-site acquisition project costs will not be accepted or processed until the district is able to produce the court order for prejudgment possession verifying the initial amount to be paid through condemnation proceedings. The project timelines for the project as a whole, as specified in law and outlined in Section 1859.90 or 1859.90.2, as applicable, remain in effect. The advance fund release for site acquisition can be requested at any time after the Final Apportionment is granted by the Board. The advance fund release for site acquisition is not subject to the requirements of Section 1859.81.1.

Note: Authority cited: Section 17070.35, Education Code.

Reference: Section 17079.20, Education Code.