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Dear County Office of Education Chief Business Officials:

### **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, MAXIMUM BASIC STATE MATCH**

The Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) provides State matching funds to assist school districts with repairing or replacing existing school building components so that the educational process may safely continue. These components include roofing, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical systems, wall systems, floor systems, etc. Major funding for this program is appropriated from the State General Fund. Additional funds are available from certain State School Site Utilization Funds and funding generated from the amount of school district repayments under the State School Building Aid Program that exceeds the amount necessary to service the indebtedness on State General Obligation Bonds sold and loaned to the districts for that program.

The DMP annual reports are now available on the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Web site at [www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov](http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov). The reports detail for school districts and county offices of education their deferred maintenance maximum basic match computed pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 17584 and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1866.4.2. Scroll down to "New Items" and click "Deferred Maintenance - Maximum State Match." These maximums are provided to establish the DMP maximum level of state funding for Fiscal Year 2008/2009, and are not an indication of whether a district or county office is eligible for matching funds. Please inform your districts that the information is available on the OPSC Web site.

Pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 740 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2005), the DMP is included on the list of programs for which charter schools may not apply for separately if they are participating in the charter school block grant funding model. Consequently, the only charter schools for which a maximum basic match is calculated are those all-charter districts that are funded through the revenue limit instead of the block grant funding model.

As of this date, EC Section 17584.1, requires a report to the legislature from school districts and county offices of education that do not deposit the required match into the district's or county office's Deferred Maintenance Fund. The due date to submit this report is March 1, 2009. The report is to include a schedule of the deferred maintenance needs for the current fiscal year, an explanation of the district's spending priorities for the current fiscal year, and an explanation of how the district plans on meeting its current need without depositing the maximum amount calculated by the OPSC.

Also, it is important to note that school districts with schools eligible to participate in the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) must deposit an amount equal to the maximum basic grant to be eligible to receive funding from that program pursuant to EC Section 17592.72 and ERP Regulation Section 1859.328.

The OPSC is responsible for determining a local educational agency's eligibility and administering the funding for the DMP. For questions regarding the calculation of the maximum basic match shown on the enclosed reports, eligibility, deposits into the deferred maintenance fund, or the percentage of the eligible match that will be funded, please contact either Bill Johnstone, Project Manager, at (916)323-8176 or [bill.johnstone@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:bill.johnstone@dgs.ca.gov); or Jan Moss, Project Manager, at (916)327-0569 or [janice.moss@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:janice.moss@dgs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Sheffield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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