

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
State Allocation Board Meeting, September 27, 2006

SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA

School District:KINGS RIVER UNION ELEMENTARY County:..... TULARE
Application Number: 52/71969-00-01 School Name:..... KINGS RIVER ELEMENTARY
Total District Enrollment: 525 Project Grade Level: K-8
District Baseline Eligibility:..... K-6, -252; 7-8, -43; 9-12, 0; Non-Severe, 0; Severe, 0

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the District's request for funding under the School Facility Joint-Use Program and to request:

1. Adoption of proposed amendments to the School Facility Joint-Use Program regulations.
2. Authorization to file the proposed regulations on an emergency basis with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

DESCRIPTION

The Kings River Union Elementary School District is currently requesting \$1,124,443 in SFP joint-use funding for a Type II project consisting of a gymnasium at the Kings River Elementary School. The current joint-use regulations state that a gymnasium can only be constructed at a K-8 school if the school does not have a multipurpose room, or the existing multipurpose room is inadequate. The District has an adequate multipurpose room but is requesting a waiver of the regulation due to the need for a gymnasium for its 6-8 grade level students. Additionally, the District passed a bond for the exclusive purpose of this joint-use project.

AUTHORITY

The SFP Regulation Section 1859.124.1 displays a chart of allowed square footages for joint-use projects and provides that, in the case of a K-6 or K-8 school, a gymnasium is available only if there is no multipurpose room or the existing multipurpose room is inadequate (less than 60 percent of the State standard for a minimum essential facility).

STAFF COMMENTS

Although the District's application for a Type-II joint-use gymnasium is otherwise complete and approvable, Staff cannot recommend approval of the District's request; existing SFP Regulations disallow a joint-use gymnasium at an elementary school where that school has an adequate multipurpose room. The minimum essential facility for a multipurpose room at this site is 4,000 square feet. The District has a 4,866 square foot multipurpose room, representing 122 percent of the adequate space, thus exceeding the 60 percent threshold to qualify for funding.

However, the Board may wish to consider the attached emergency regulation change that would allow a joint-use gymnasium at an elementary school that also serves 7-8 grade level students. The OPSC has conferred with the California Department of Education and the Department is supportive of gymnasiums being placed on K-8 campuses. If the Board determines that a regulation change would be appropriate, this project could be held pending approval of the amendment to the regulations, and subsequently apportioned when funding becomes available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Adopt the proposed amendments to the regulations as shown on the Attachment and begin the regulatory process.
2. Authorize the OPSC to file these regulations on an emergency basis with the OAL.
3. Direct Staff to retain the project until the emergency regulation is approved, and funding becomes available.

This Item was approved by the State Allocation Board on September 27, 2006.

ATTACHMENT
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM REGULATIONS
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Amend Regulation Section 1859.124.1 as follows:

Section 1859.124.1. Square Footage Facility Chart.

Use the Chart below to determine square footage for purposes of Section 1859.124. The three columns to the left of the Chart indicate the facility types that may be funded under a Type I or Type II Joint-Use Project.

CHART OF SQUARE FOOTAGES (In Square Feet)					
Type I	Type II	Facility Type	Elementary School K-6, K-8	Middle School 7-8 or 6-8 (on Separate Campus)	High School 7-12 or 9-12 (on Separate Campus)
x	x	Multi-purpose Room (includes food service)	5.3 per pupil Minimum 4,000	5.3 per pupil Minimum 5,000	6.3 per pupil Minimum 8,200
x	x	Gymnasium (includes shower/locker)	12.9 per pupil* Minimum 6,828* Maximum 16,000*	12.9 per pupil Minimum 6,828 Maximum 16,000	15.3 per pupil Minimum 8,380 Maximum 18,000
x	x	Library	2.3 per pupil plus 600	3.3 per pupil plus 600	4.3 per pupil plus 600
x	x	Teacher Education**	39 per pupil or as approved by CDE		
	x	Pupil Academic Achievement***	39 per pupil or as approved by CDE		
x	x	Childcare	60 per child - Minimum 1,440		

*Available to K-6 schools only if there is no multipurpose room or the existing multipurpose room is inadequate on the campus and the Joint-Use Agreement includes gymnasium space rather than a multipurpose room.

** Subject to the CDE approval.

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Note: Authority cited: Sections 17070.35 and 17075.15, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 17077.40, 17077.42 and 17077.45, Education Code.