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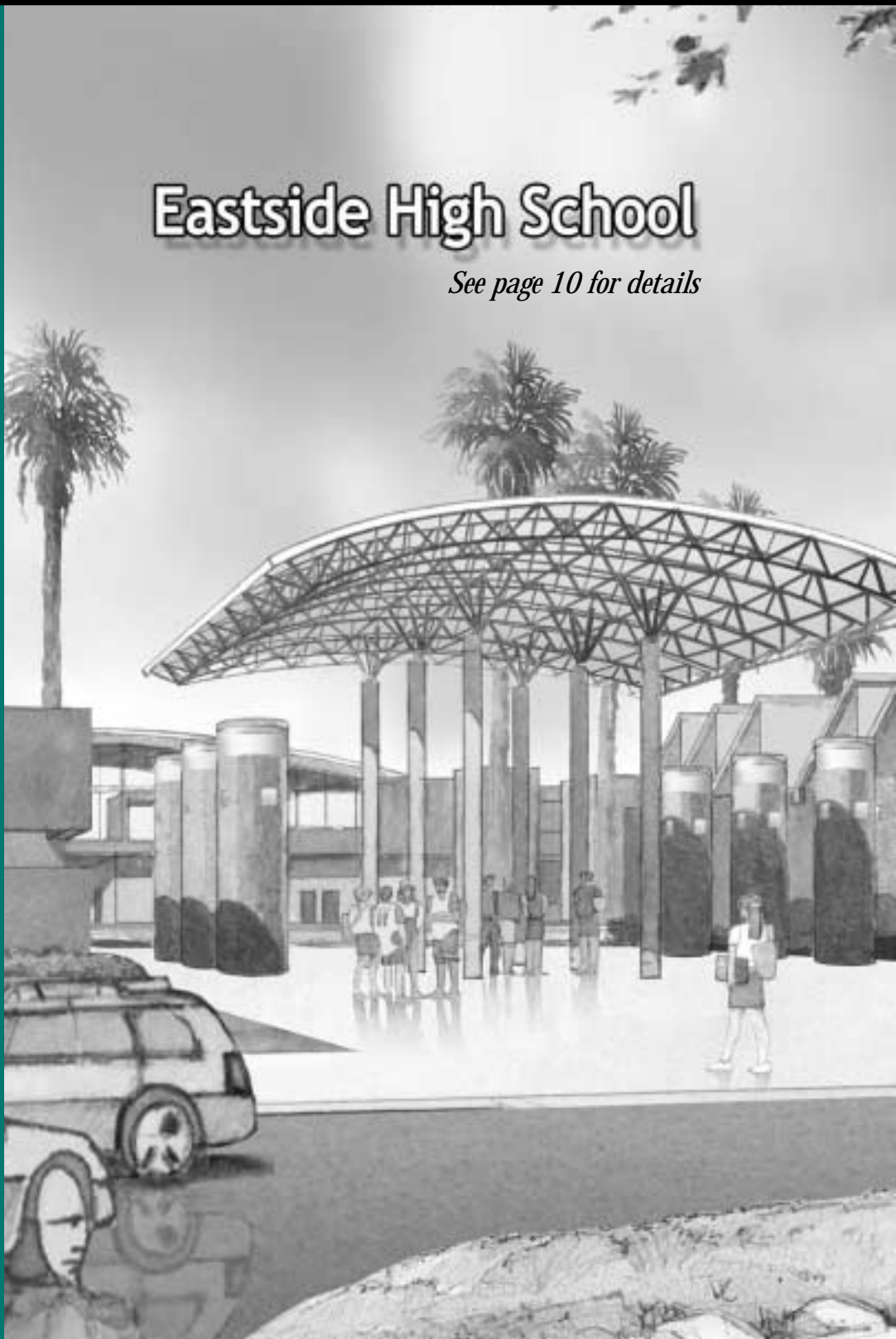
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Message From The Chair



Ted E. Rozzi, C.A.S.H. Chair

In my Message from the Chair last month, I outlined C.A.S.H.'s position on legislative efforts to allow Routine Restricted Maintenance Account funding to be used for General Fund expenditures. This month I want to make sure that you are aware that the Board continues to focus on another key issue for our organization – an increase in SFP grants that will reflect

the actual costs of building schools.


C.A.S.H. is addressing this vital issue on many fronts.

C.A.S.H. was successful in its efforts to include a provision to increase SFP grants in Proposition 1D and has been working to realize this anticipated grant increase through the regulatory process. In addition, C.A.S.H. has worked with school districts and others on a study to determine the actual costs of building schools by examining school construction projects that have reused plans, and the study demonstrated significant cost increases over time.

C.A.S.H. has sponsored two bills, SB 1354 (Torlakson) and AB 2173 (Caballero), which seek to address the issues of what constitutes a 'complete school' and how developer fees can be improved to reflect the full cost of building schools. As always, C.A.S.H. advocates continue to oppose legislation and budget proposals that would add cost and complications to the school construction process.

Concerning workshops and conferences, C.A.S.H. staff ensures that

presentations and information on how school districts can continue to build educationally-appropriate schools in light of insufficient state funding is available to C.A.S.H. members. Our C.A.S.H. staff also ensures that this information is available to members in a timely manner through our publications such as the *CASH Register* and the *Latest News* section of our website.

Finally, C.A.S.H. is confident that current data overwhelmingly supports a 6% SFP grant increase, and C.A.S.H. as an organization will continue to work toward this important objective. 

C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy – Where are they Now?

Who: Jimmy LeGrande, Cohort 2

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Where you are: "Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Director. As of October 1, they gave me facilities."

Biggest new challenge: "There are a lot of challenges; I'm the only facilities person. I have no staff. I do everything – all the bid packaging, RFQs – this is a totally new world for me."

Best thing about the new position: (laughs) "The long hours. And my phone rings off the hook."



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April 23, 2008 State Allocation Board Meeting Notes

The April 23, 2008 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting started at 4:20 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.. There were only two Specials/Appeals on the agenda; Buellton Union Elementary Excessive Cost Hardship Grant offset and San Bernardino City Unified Financial Hardship request. The SAB discussed the San Bernardino item for 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Executive Officer Statement

1. The Executive Officer informed the SAB that they were still working on Material Inaccuracy Regulations regarding the use of the information submitted by districts on the Project Information Worksheet (PIW) and the Material Inaccuracy (MI) Penalties regarding how the SAB will deal with various MI infractions. The Executive Officer stated that these two items will be brought back to the SAB "soon."
2. The Executive Officer stated that the Charter School Facility Program Preliminary Apportionment Approvals should be brought to the SAB next month. The California School Finance Authority is still reviewing the applicants for financial soundness.

Status of Funds

1. New Construction – after apportioning \$74.9 million, \$2.1 billion remains in new construction funding
2. Modernization – after apportioning \$41.7 million, \$2.6 billion remains in modernization funding
3. Emergency Repair Program – after apportioning \$15 million, \$109.5 million remains in ERP funding

State Relocatable Program Operating Needs

The cost to operate the program for the current fiscal year (2007/2008) is just over \$1 million. The estimated cost to administer the program for the 2008/2009 FY is \$2.5 million, and for 2009/2010 it is \$1.4 million.

It is anticipated that for this year the program will have \$13.99 million in excess of what is needed to operate the program. ECS 17088.2 gives the SAB authority to transfer excess funds to any of the 1998, 2002, or 2004 School Facilities Program (SFP) or State School Deferred Maintenance (DMP) Fund. Staff recommended that the SAB transfer \$12.6 million to the State School DMP and \$1.39 million to the SFP Joint-Use Program. \$12.4 million, combined with the remaining \$2.27 million in State School DMP funds would fund all 2006/2007 projects on the current DMP unfunded list. The SAB approved the staff recommendation.

Deferred Maintenance Program Basic Grant Deposits

Three School Districts and nine County Offices of Education (COE's) have not deposited sufficient funds to match their state share of the prorated basic grant apportionment (91.09 percent). OPSC proposed a corresponding reduction to their unmatched amount. The total being reduced from all nine LEA's is \$3.4 million. Those funds will be redirected to the DMP Fund for future apportionments. The SAB approved the staff recommendation to reduce the unmatched basic grant apportionments and make the funds available for extreme hardship projects.

Deferred Maintenance Program Maximum Basic Grant Deposit

Thirty-three LEA's did not certify that they deposited 100% of the maximum basic grant into their DMP Fund. Per ECS 17584.1(b), the LEA's are required to submit a report to the Legislature by March 1, with copies to the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), State Board of Education, Department of Finance, and SAB, which must include, among other things, an explanation of how the governing board plans to meet its current-year deferred maintenance needs. The SAB accepted the staff report.

Career Technical Education Facilities Projects (CTEFP)

Seven applications from two districts were not presented for approval with the rest of the CTEFP applications at the March 2008 SAB. Staff brought the applications back for SAB approval. The SAB approved the applications and the funding order lists for the regions impacted (Regions 3 and 9) were adjusted to reflect those applications.

Lake County Office of Education

The SAB approved a request from the Lake COE for conceptual approval for replacement facilities due to liquefaction causing unsafe conditions at one of their schools originally built in 1973.

Scotts Valley USD

The SAB approved the district's request to rescind a Lease Purchase Program (LPP) litigation apportionment and approve a rehabilitation project under the SFP Rehabilitation Excessive Cost Hardship regulations.

Victor Valley Union High School District

The SAB approved the district's request to change the scope of their previously approved new construction project to allow them to construct permanent facilities instead of 12 modular classrooms. The SAB approved the request contingent on the district constructing the project within the

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Water Board Schedules Hearings on Proposed Draft Construction Permit

On March 2, 2007, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued a preliminary Draft Construction Permit which included significant new requirements for regulated entities as compared to the previous Construction Permit.

After holding workshops and public hearings on the preliminary Construction Permit, the SWRCB revised the preliminary Construction Permit in response to the public comments received.

The SWRCB has now released the revised Permit for public review, and it still contains many issues of concern for those who build schools. The C.A.S.H. Environmental Committee under the leadership of C.A.S.H. Board Member Kathy Tanner (San Marcos USD) has assembled a subcommittee to focus exclusively on storm water issues and their effect on school construction. The subcommittee has been working with SWRCB staff to make it easier for districts to comply since the preliminary Construction Permit was released to the public in early 2007.

It is important to note that, while it has been a long process, the final round of informational workshops and public hearings on the Permit scheduled for the next couple of months is the last opportunity for the public to express their concerns about the proposed Construction Permit before it is approved. Consequently, we highly encourage all districts and others who will be impacted by the more stringent requirements of the proposed Construction Permit to attend the informational workshops and the public hearing, as

well as submit a letter to the SWRCB expressing your concerns.

For more information on the proposed Construction Permit, you can go to www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/ and look under "Draft General for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activities", or call Ian Padilla at (916) 448-8577. The following are the dates and locations for the informational workshops and the public hearing, as well as where and by what date to send a letter:


Informational Workshop

Wednesday May 21, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Hearing

Wednesday June 4, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Written Comments

Written comments must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board by June 4, 2008 at 12 p.m. and addressed to Jeanie Townsend, Clerk to the Board, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Letters may be submitted by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov or by fax at (916) 341-5620. For email submittals, please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter – Draft Construction Permit." 


~Ian Padilla

Corporate Tax Revenues Crater

On April 17, the Department of Finance released its monthly finance bulletin regarding state General Fund revenues. This is the last report prior to the May Revision, anticipated to be released on May 14. The revenue report indicated that corporate tax revenues were approximately \$900 million below the Governor's budget estimate. In December, when the prepayments of corporate taxes were lower than anticipated, it was expected these would be paid early in 2008 prior to the closeout of the corporate tax year. As it turns out, that expectation was in error. California's economic softening started earlier than the national

economic downturn, which is reflected in California's corporate tax payments.

The good news is that personal income tax and sales tax revenues appear to be tracking with the budget estimates.

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) February revenue estimates assumed this drop in corporate taxes. The LAO revenue estimates probably will be closer to the May Revision revenue estimates than the Governor's budget estimates. We will know more in a month when the Governor releases his May Revision. 

~Dave Walrath

May 2 State Allocation Board Implementation Committee Notes

There were three items on the agenda for the May 2 State Allocation Board (SAB) Implementation Committee.

1. AB 1014, discussion of modified weighting mechanisms and birth rates.
2. Use of site sale proceeds to address one-time district insolvent health or retirement programs.
3. Material Inaccuracy Regulations for protections in reporting on the Project Information Worksheet (PIW).

Announcements:

1. The Chair, Mavonne Garrity, announced that she had resigned her position of Assistant Executive Officer effective May 9 to accept a position in Senator Torlakson's office. C.A.S.H. presented her with a plaque thanking her for her service to school districts and the students of California.
2. OPSC stated that there will be an Implementation Committee meeting on May 16, and possibly another mid-month Implementation Committee meeting on either June 13 or 16. The May 16 meeting will cover Financial Hardship Regulation changes addressing SAB concerns raised at recent SAB meetings and AB 1014. OPSC wants to take the AB 1014 proposed regulations to the June SAB meeting. If the AB 1014 item is not completed at the May 16 meeting, the mid-June meeting may be necessary.
3. Lori Morgan stated that the Seismic Program Regulations were approved by the Office of Administrative Law effective April 30, 2008.

Minutes:

The January 2008 and April 2008 minutes were discussed. The January minutes were approved as revised. The April minutes were not approved and suggested revisions were made to the Material Inaccuracy and Financial Hardship items. The April 2008 minutes will return for approval at the next Implementation Committee meeting.

AB 1014 Modified Weighting Mechanisms for Five-Year Projection Methodology

OPSC proposed three weighting mechanisms that districts would use to determine which mechanism best represents that district's enrollment trends.

Method 1-2-3 uses the existing weighting formula, which represents districts in which current enrollment trends are most relevant to five-year projections.

Method 3-2-1 is designed for districts where the more recent trends are contrary to the long-term trends in the district. Weighting toward the older years implies past trends will be more prevalent in the future than the current ones.

Method 1-1-1 is intended for districts that have varied enrollment from year to year and do not grow or decline in a more predictable manner.

Each district would gather its K-12 historic enrollment for a given number of years, removing charter and un-graded pupils who are typically reported in other categories of projecting enrollment. A cohort survival projection model using each weighted mechanism would be run. Each set of data would compare projected enrollment in a given year to the actual number of pupils enrolled in the district that year. Each set of data would be converted to a set of "accuracy points" on a scatter



Mavonne Garrity, Chair of the SAB Implementation Committee and Bill Savidge, C.A.S.H. Vice Chair and Implementation Committee Member

plot. The accuracy of each method would be evaluated using a regression analysis to determine a trend line for each of the three data sets. The trend line will indicate the average accuracy of the projection method. Three trend lines would then be plotted on the same graph, showing which projection method, on average, generated the most accurate projection. The district would be required to use the method that generated the most accurate projection. It is possible to determine which of the weighting mechanisms, based on past enrollment trends, would generate the most accurate projection five years into the future.

Districts would not be required to provide additional data since the CBEDS information is readily available and can be formatted to use in the analysis.

Districts would be allowed to propose weighting mechanisms other than the above three mechanisms if they can demonstrate that the proposed alternative would have more accurately projected the district's enrollment than the weighting methods using the trend lines analysis described above. The district would have to provide the reasoning behind the alternative weighting method and why the district believes it best represents the district's enrollment trends. The alternative proposal and data would be submitted to OPSC for review by the SAB with consultation with the Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit (DRU).

The major area of discussion related to whether districts have the choice of using the current enrollment projection method or are required to use the modified weighting mechanism process described above. OPSC said the issue is still under discussion at OPSC. However, a representative from Senator Scott's office stated that as Chair of the Senate Education Committee that heard the bill, the Senator's interpretation is districts have a choice to continue using the existing projection method, or using the modified weighting mechanism. The sponsor of the bill,

LAUSD, confirmed that was the intent of the sponsor and the author of the bill, Assembly Member Bass, now Speaker of the Assembly.

Birth Rate Augmentation

OPSC proposed that to adjust the enrollment projection for the effect of changes in the birth rate on pupil enrollment, the rate of change in the county level birth rate from the previous year would be applied to the projected kindergarten enrollment five years later. OPSC would apply the following assumptions:

1. Children enroll in kindergarten at age five
2. No children skip kindergarten and enroll directly into first grade at age six
3. Children born to mothers residing in a county will attend school in that county

County level birth rates are available from the State Department of Health Services (DHS) to calculate the adjustment to the enrollment projection. However, DHS does not finish collecting birth rate data until September of the following year and does not report birth rate data until several months later. While OPSC will work with DHS and DRU to try to capture birth rate data for the first previous year, current year birth rate data would still not be available at the time districts update their enrollment projections.

Demographers in the audience commented that birth rates (the number of live births in a calendar year per 1,000), rather than actual birth numbers, may not provide an accurate picture of the actual increase in potential students five years later. If the number of births rise proportionately to the rise in the overall population, the ratio will stay the same, and the birth rate will not increase, although there will be an increase in the number of births. OPSC asked that the demographers work with them further on the issue.

A question was asked whether the birth rate augmentation provision could

be used in conjunction with the 10-year enrollment projection option as well as the five year enrollment projection method. OPSC stated there might be some technical problems using it with the 10-year enrollment projections, but they would check whether the law allows it and, if so, how the technical problems might be overcome.

OPSC stated that the birth rate provisions are not intended to track individual families or pupils. Instead, they are intended to show the demographics or trends of that particular area.

10-Year Enrollment Projection

OPSC presented the same material that was published in the April Implementation Committee agenda, but not discussed at the April meeting due to lack of time.

OPSC proposed increasing the amount of historical data to be used for the projections to eight years, i.e., the current enrollment reporting period and seven years of prior historical data. The cohort survival projection method would not be altered, but the weighted mechanisms that project enrollment would change.

OPSC is still considering how the annual enrollment update requirements will work for districts that want to switch between five- to ten-year reporting and vice versa from one enrollment reporting period to another. OPSC requested input from any interested individual regarding how they might resolve that issue.

Pupil Reporting By Residence

This item also was the same material published in the April Implementation Committee agenda, but not discussed at the April meeting due to lack of time.

The Committee and audience raised questions about OPSC's proposal not to include students on inter-district transfers in the projections. OPSC will review that issue.

The AB 1014 item will be discussed further at the May 16 Implementation Committee meeting.

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originally approved apportionment and ensuring the project still consisted of 62 total classrooms and all subsidiary facilities.

Charter School Facility Program Preliminary Apportionment

This item was withdrawn from the April SAB agenda and will be brought back next month after the California School Finance Authority completes its review of the applicants for fiscal soundness.

Buellton Union Elementary

The district requested to defer a portion of the offset of an Excessive Cost Hardship Grant for a new school construction project received on a prior application. This item was originally heard by the SAB at its February 2008 meeting. The item was withdrawn from the March SAB agenda.

OPSC provided the SAB with three options:

- A. Approve the district's request to defer 50 percent of the offset to be applied to a future project.
- B. Change existing regulations so that applications accepted prior to the effective date of the offset regulation (April 5, 2001) would not require the offset on subsequent applications. Nineteen projects totaling \$26 million would be affected by this regulation change. None of the nineteen projects have had an offset to a subsequent application.
- C. Apply the entire offset to this project for Buellton. The district would have to use funds from its three percent reserve, resulting in a Negative Certification from CDE.

A motion by Kathleen Moore and seconded by Assembly Member Mullin to approve option B failed on a four to three vote, with the chair, the representative from Department of General

Services (DGS), and Senator Margett voting no. A motion to approve option A was approved, with the addition of language (to be worked out) that would allow the district to have the offset applied over the next several years.

San Bernardino USD

This item was previously discussed at the February 2008 and March 2008 SAB meetings. In January 2008 the district received a financial hardship approval letter from OPSC, which was rescinded in February 2008. OPSC stated that they believe the district is still eligible for Financial Hardship (FH) status, but the issue is the amount of local funds available as the district's contribution. OPSC requested additional information from the district regarding past financial hardship project encumbrances and sample contracts related to current encumbrances.


At the March SAB meeting the board asked staff to bring the item back to the April meeting after discussing what information is required to consider an application complete, at what point in time is an application considered complete, how long should it take OPSC to review an application, and what should be considered as available district contribution before, during, and after the application is submitted.

The SAB discussed this item for almost three hours. The district argued that it followed all the rules that were in

effect at the time it filed its application and if the SAB doesn't like those rules and wants to change them, they shouldn't be applied retroactively to districts that have already filed their applications. A key issue was when the district filed their Financial Hardship (FH) application. The district provided documentation that their application was filed April 12, 2007. Under the rules and regulations in effect at that time, that became the critical date for determining encumbrances and funds available as local contributions.

Using the April 12, 2007 application date, the SAB determined that the district has \$15 million in available funds to apply as its matching share to its SFP projects. Since the district reported a negative \$28 million in available funds, the net result is a negative \$13 million. The SAB approved those figures for the San Bernardino FH application.

The SAB attorney stated that the current regulations are unclear regarding what is counted as district contribution and when. The Chair directed staff to return to a future SAB meeting with recommendations to clarify the regulations. The Chair also directed staff to include language in the San Bernardino item approved today that the SAB action was not precedent setting.

The SAB went into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a matter relating to personnel.  ~C.A.S.H. Staff

C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy Accepting Applications

The C.A.S.H. School Facilities Leadership Academy (CSFLA) is now accepting applications for its third cohort.

C.A.S.H. leadership is dedicated to the advancement of those serving public school facilities and ensuring the commitment of state funds approved by the taxpayers of California is properly allocated.

If you or someone from your county office, school district, state agency or company would like to be a part of the Academy, you should apply for the CSFLA.

For more information and an application, contact Gretchen Kocinsky at (916)448-8577 or go to www.cash-academy.org.  ~C.A.S.H. Staff



Eastside High School

Eastside High School of the Antelope Valley Union High School District (AVUHSD) will open its doors to students for the first time in the fall of 2009. As the District's eighth comprehensive high school, Eastside will embrace a curriculum that is designed to provide students with the confidence, competence, and information needed to make educated choices for

the future. The curriculum will place a heavy focus on academics, communication, technology, critical thinking, and strength of character.

A collaborative process involving faculty, district staff, parents, students, community members, and NTD Architecture designers was initiated prior to the start of design to determine the shared vision for the new school. Three

concepts emerged from this process, including collaboration, flexibility/adaptability, and sustainable design. Each of these concepts plays out as a key factor in the design of the new school.

Collaboration

Collaboration among students and teachers is inspired through design by the layout of both interior and exterior spaces. A large central quad with courtyard spaces and lunch shelters will encourage socialization among students during breaks. Gathering spaces outside of classrooms have also been designed for this purpose. Additionally, in an effort to adhere to a campus model that is developed around academies, teacher collaboration spaces have been decentralized to relate more closely to their teaching spaces.

Flexibility/Adaptability

With the realization that programs tend to change with instructors, it was decided that eleven "Black Box" labs would be developed. Much like retail spaces in malls, these labs will provide basic infrastructure but can be easily customized and adapted with program changes. Large open spaces can be separated by partitions if needed and reworked to fit the current program. This solution will prevent the school from wasting money on programs that go extinct after only a short time.

Sustainable Design

Eastside High School is designed to coincide with Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) criteria for sustainability, and the ultimate design will reflect a substantial savings over Title 24, *Utilizing a Central Plant*. A building orientation spanning from east to west will serve as a natural barrier to the wind and will provide a more controlled environment on the campus. This orientation will also take advantage of natural daylight, which will be enhanced through an insulated skylight system, clerestory monitors, and light wells. The new school's buildings will offer optimal indoor air

**Antelope Valley Union High School District
Lancaster, California
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quality, thermal comfort with individual air temperature controls, and an acoustically sound environment. Additional factors that contribute to the sustainable design include green storage and compost, water conservation, high insulation values, a cool roof system, high performance glazing, and high efficiency lighting.

Eastside High School is master-planned to accommodate a student body of 3,500. The 349,529 SF school will sit on a 60-acre lot and will house 121 teaching stations. NTD Architecture's Education Funding Services Department assisted the District with obtaining \$43 M in funding from the State of California, saving the District 33% of the cost needed to build the \$130 M school.

When complete, the design of Eastside High School will contribute to the school's curriculum by providing comfortable classrooms for academic learning and collaborative spaces to encourage student communication and character development. The new high school will not only serve as an outstanding facility for its users, it will also be friendly to the environment. And a flexible design will keep the school thriving through generations of programs, students, and teachers alike.

The District originally bid the construction of the Eastside High School main campus as one complete package. Numerous contractors were solicited in an effort to assure competitive bidding, but only one construction firm bid on the project, a large company located in Sylmar. It is very likely the project was too large for most school construction contractors to secure bonds and bid the project. The single bid received was well over the project estimate and exceeded the District's resources for the project. The Board of Trustees rejected the bid in 2006, and the project was split into smaller general contracts with the objective to start building with the resources available, maintain the current design, attract additional bidders, and

promote competitive bidding. There are currently nine different general contracts in place for the main campus alone, and it is expected to reach 11 or 12 before project completion. Due to the division of the work, the District has had to provide additional management in the field to assure proper coordination between all contractors. The District has hired three full-time independent individual contractors to work as Project Managers under the direction of the District. The project is expected to come well under the original single bid received in 2006. 

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Use of Site Sale Proceeds


At the March 2007 SAB meeting, the SAB directed staff to request an Attorney General (AG) opinion regarding whether, under SAB regulations, funds used to address the fiscal insolvency of a district's health and/or retirement program would be considered a one-time expenditure or an ongoing expenditure. The AG provided an informal opinion stating that, with appropriate amendments to the SAB regulation, the SAB may allow the use of site sale proceeds to fund, on a one-time basis, a district's insolvent health or retirement program. OPSC proposed changes to the regulations to allow districts to use site sale proceeds, on a single and one-time basis, toward the cost of unfunded liability identified by new account rules established in GASB 45. The district would be subject to all other provisions relating to site sale proceeds, including the SFP lockout provisions and facility and maintenance needs statements.

The majority of the Implementation Committee members, with the exception of the CASBO representative, opposed changing the regulations to allow site sale proceeds to be used as proposed by OPSC. The item will go to the May SAB, presumably as proposed by OPSC.

Material Inaccuracy Regulations—PIW

OPSC proposed regulatory amendments to give school districts protections in reporting on the Project Information Worksheet (PIW). The item was previously discussed at the March and April 2008 Implementation Committee meetings. Implementation Committee audience members proposed several changes to the OPSC proposed language at both the March and April 2008 Implementation Committee meetings. The language proposed by OPSC at the May Implementation Committee meeting was the same language OPSC proposed at the April Implementation committee meeting. The OPSC write-up stated that the SAB legal counsel recommended against accepting the Implementation Committee suggestions in order to hold the information reported on the worksheet to a reasonable standard.

OPSC stated that the material on the PIW would not be part of the OPSC project audit, but would be used as part of the annual grant increase review process. Implementation Committee members continued to express concerns regarding the proposed OPSC language that "A school district filing a Project Information Worksheet with the most accurate information available at the time of filing will not be subject to a Material Inaccuracy for that information." Alternative language was proposed by the C.A.S.H. Implementation Committee representative that said, "A school district filing a Project Information Worksheet will not be subject to a Material Inaccuracy for that information." The Chair requested that OPSC include the alternative language in the write-up to the SAB as an option. OPSC stated that it did not know if the OPSC Executive Officer would agree to propose the alternative language as an option for the SAB to consider, but it would communicate the request to the Executive Officer.

This item will be taken to the May 28 SAB meeting. 

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