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October State Bond Sale to Include Funds for School Facility Program

There will be a State General Obligation bond sale on October 17, 2018. Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) Executive Officer Lisa Silverman indicated that she expects to receive about \$400 million in bond proceeds from the sale for the School Facility Program. OPSC will prepare Priority Funding Apportionments for presentation at a future State Allocation Board meeting.

Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

The Office of Public School Construction continues the stakeholder engagement process to develop and implement the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. This program was created in budget trailer bill AB 1808 and provides \$100 million (General Fund) in 2018-19 to provide one-time grants to school districts. Grants will be used to construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities for the purpose of providing full-day kindergarten classrooms. OPSC held stakeholder meetings on August 28 and September 13, and a third stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 4 in Sacramento. Lisa Silverman indicated that OPSC plans to present the draft regulation package at this meeting.

OPSC staff provided responses and policy proposals for some of the issues raised at the initial stakeholder meeting:

- In recognition of increased costs for items such as playgrounds, added restrooms, additional parking, and food service, retrofit projects will receive a site development grant worth 35% of the base grant.
- Funding may be retroactive. Districts may submit applications for projects that have awarded construction contracts on or after the inception of the program on June 27, 2018.
- While county offices of education and charter schools may not apply, school districts may submit applications for charter schools that are located in Field Act and Title 5-compliant district-owned facilities.
- The program will provide funding for transitional kindergarten facilities, as those students are considered kindergarten pupils.
- While savings is not contemplated in the statute, OPSC proposes to adopt the same model used for the School Facility Program, where Financial Hardship projects must return project savings and non Financial-Hardship projects may keep project savings for other high priority capital facility needs of the district.

Legislative Update

The final major deadline of the 2017-18 legislative session has now passed. The Governor had until September 30 to sign or veto bills. The Legislature adjourned for recess until December 3, 2018, when they will convene a brief session to swear in members for the 2019-20 session.

Join us at the CASH Fall Conference to hear the 2018 CASH Advocacy Wrap-Up. This session takes place on Wednesday, October 17 and will feature more information from your CASH advocates on bills and other policy efforts over the past year.

Funding Available to Assist Schools in Testing Their Water for Lead

Assembly Bill 746 requires community water systems (CWS) to test all public school sites constructed before January 1, 2010 for lead.



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The law states that if a school is served by a CWS, the CWS will contact the school to let them know that they will sample at the school site (though in actual practice schools often reach out to the CWS depending on the local circumstance). Sampling must be completed by July 2019.

To assist schools with potential costs associated with lead testing or remediation, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) created the *Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program* which provides \$9.5 million to help defray the costs of testing and remediation. The Water Board has reported that only \$1 million of this amount has been used, and they are encouraging schools to apply for the funding to assist them in complying with AB 746. For more information and instructions on how to apply for the Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program, visit: www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/schools.

AB 3205 (O'Donnell) – Door Locks/Modernization

AB 3205 requires interior door locks to be included in School Facility Program modernization projects for classrooms and rooms with occupancy of 5 or more (does not apply to restrooms or projects for the exterior of the building only), and applies to school facilities constructed before 1/1/2012 with projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) on or after 1/1/2019.

The bill was amended to apply only to projects submitted to DSA that propose to renovate the interior of a school building on or after January 1, 2019, and clarifies that the bill does not apply to projects that only propose to renovate the exterior of a school building, school grounds, or playfields. Status: Signed by the Governor

AB 1747 (Rodriguez) – School Safety Plans

AB 1747 requires Comprehensive School Safety Plans to include procedures for conducting tactical responses to criminal incidents, including individuals with guns on school campuses and at school related events, and that the procedures, "...are to be based on the specific needs and context of each school and community." It also requires school site councils to consult with representatives from a fire department, in addition to other first responders, in the development of the School Safety Plan, and includes intent language that all school staff be trained on the Comprehensive School Safety Plan and that classified employees be included as stakeholders involved in the development of the Safety Plan. The bill also increases CDE responsibilities related to School Safety Plans and clarifies that all charter schools are required to develop a School Safety Plan. Status: Signed by the Governor

SB 877 – DIR Prevailing Wage Monitoring Program – Emergency Contracting

SB 877 has been signed into law by the Governor. This bill was a gut and amend trailer bill introduced late at the end of session. Among other state government issues, the bill provides a 30-day grace period for filing notice of emergency contracts with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Specifically, the bill requires notice to be filed within 30 days after the award of an emergency contract, and by the last day on which the contractor has workers employed upon the public work. CASH was successful in amending the bill to include the correct Public Contract Code reference for emergency contracting by K-12 school districts; the initial version of the bill did not cover all schools, only those utilizing the CUPCAA program. Because SB 877 is a budget trailer bill, it goes into effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, which was September 17, 2018.



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CASH Fall Conference, October 15-17, 2018 – Still Time to Register!

The Fall Conference will focus on the most recent significant issues for the school facilities community, including the status of state school facility funding, new state agency policies and requirements, recently approved school facility legislation, and an update regarding a 2020 State School Bond. The Pre-Conference Workshop on October 15 will focus on critical school facility funding and project management issues, such as the most recent approaches to levying developer fees and mitigation agreements, existing and new construction delivery methods, and using districts assets for facility program funding.

Don't miss this important information! For more details and to register, visit the CASH website.

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