



Facility Problem Solvers

Latest News from SchoolWorks, Inc.



This newsletter will focus on the information from the August 25, 2021 State Allocation Board Meeting and information on school facility programs and planning.

School has now started for the 2021/22 school year. This will be the year to plan for the impacts of the expansion of TK to all four-year-old children.

We are still awaiting further action on either AB 75 or SB 22, which represent the two proposals for a Statewide School Facility Bond in November 2022. The need for this next State Bond is already over \$2.8 billion, based on the projects already on the acknowledged list.

Please contact us by e-mail, phone or use our online website tool to get the assistance you need or to get help with questions on any demographics or facility planning and funding issues.

SAB Meeting Notes

There were several announcements at the SAB meeting on August 25th as there was no meeting in July.



Fall Bond Sale

The Fall Bond Sale will occur in September and the projects are planned to be apportioned at the October meeting. There are \$766 million in projects included in the fall priority funding round.

Full Day Kindergarten

There is \$490 million being allocated to the Full Day Kindergarten Program from the State General Fund that can now be used for Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and preschool classrooms. OPSC will be holding stakeholder meetings, beginning on September 8th, to develop the process and regulations to distribute these funds.

School Facility Program

There was \$250 million allocated to the School Facility Program from the general fund budget this year. OPSC will announce the plans for those funds at the September meeting.

Project Approvals

There were \$223.6 million in projects approved at this meeting and added to the unfunded list. This is a good rate of approvals and represents two months of work by OPSC. The majority of projects getting approved were submitted in May and June of 2018 which was just over three years ago.

Helpful Webinars

OPSC has been providing several webinars that have been posted to the OPSC YouTube channel. The next webinar is planned for September 9th and will cover the Site Development Worksheet and the new Facility Hardship Cost Estimate form.

Effects of Pandemic

The action item discussed at this meeting was the impact of the pandemic on enrollment and new construction eligibility. The OPSC staff proposal is to allow school districts to use the eligibility from the 2019/20 school year instead of requiring them to use the 2020/21 school year.

Since many districts saw a drop in the Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten enrollments, more than 50% of the projects being processed using the 2020/21 data were not able to justify the eligibility for their projects. It is anticipated this proposal will assist many (755) of those projects with obtaining some or all of the eligibility needed for their projects.

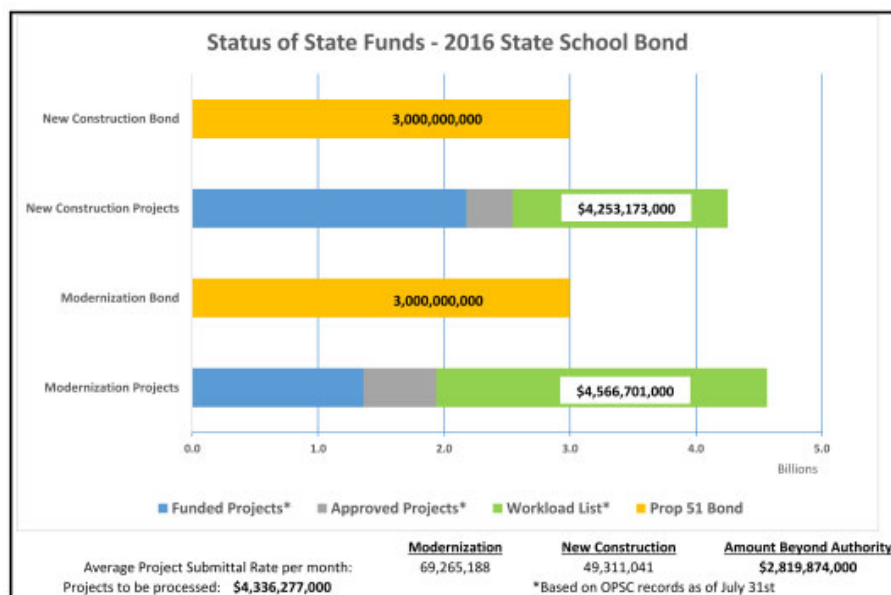
The SAB approved this item. This will continue until November 1st at which point the 2021/22 data will be required to be used.

The next SAB meeting is scheduled for September 22nd.

Status of State Bond Funds

The following chart illustrates the Prop 51 funds that were:

- Approved by the voters in 2016 (gold)
- Portions that have been distributed to schools (blue)
- Approved and about ready to be funded (gray)
- Those still waiting to be processed (green)



The total backlog of projects is now at \$4.336 billion which has slightly increased compared to two months ago. The projects approved at this meeting totaled \$223.6 million but the applications submitted since the previous meeting totaled \$272.76 million.

Trustee Boundaries & Demographic Studies

There may be some confusion regarding these two services we offer.

The **Trustee Boundary Analysis** is a report that looks at the demographics from the 2020 Census data to determine if the trustee areas still represent balanced populations. Many districts are requesting the services of a demographer to assist with that process.

Our **Demographic Studies** are prepared for many of our clients as an analysis of the student populations within each school area. This data, along with birth data and new development data, is used to generate six (6) year enrollment projections for each school or program within the district. Our projections typically have an error rate of less than 1% and are useful for facility planning efforts, along with budgeting and staffing requirements. This year our reports will also account for the expansion of the Transitional Kindergarten Program over the next four years and we will be continuing to monitor the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and the economy.

Please contact us if you need assistance or have any questions on these services .

Considering a Local Bond in 2022?

Our Facility Planning Assessment or Facility Master Plan services can help the district develop a listing of needed projects, the costs estimates and the potential funding sources for its projects. This is ideal for districts that plan to ask the voters to approve bond funds for their facility programs.

Final Notes



We will soon have the Census data for 2020 and the enrollment data for October 2021. We will be processing this data as quickly as possible for our clients and produce the reports they need.

However, we do anticipate several last-minute projects added to our workload, so please contact us if you anticipate utilizing our services for an upcoming project so we can be prepared.

Thanks for your continued trust in our services.

**Thank you,
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