



Office of Public School Construction

STAFF TO THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD

October 2025 Update

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KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES MODERNIZATION, REPAIR, AND SAFETY BOND ACT OF 2024 (PROPOSITION 2)

Stakeholder Meetings Outcome and Future Planning

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) has conducted stakeholder meetings on behalf of the State Allocation Board (Board) to propose regulatory amendments to implement Proposition 2, and to discuss and collect feedback on proposed amendments to the School Facility Program (SFP) Regulations. Please note, the agendas for all stakeholder meetings, inclusive of January through August, can be accessed on OPSC's website under the Resources tab, under Proposition 2 – Assembly Bill 247 [here](#).

A summary of the most recent stakeholder meeting held in September is provided below:

- **Stakeholder Meeting #16 (September 18, 2025)** included continued discussion on the Proposition 2 topic of the Small School District Program, and continued discussion on non-Proposition 2 topic of the evaluation of reporting Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Pupils independent of kindergarten pupils in SFP Enrollment Projections. Here is a link to the meeting recording on OPSC's [YouTube](#) page.

The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2025. After discussion of each topic with stakeholders, staff will present recommendations to the Board, followed by submitting regulations to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager for your county or OPSCApplicationReviewTeam@dgs.ca.gov.

Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP) Application Filing Round

A new filing round opened on July 3, 2025, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications electronically via the OPSC Online Application. For your reference, OPSC conducted webinars for potential applicants on [March 25, 2025](#) and [June 24, 2025](#). The webinars can be accessed on both OPSC's webpage and [YouTube](#) page. For additional information, please refer to the [Charter School Facilities Program webpage](#).

School districts may receive notifications from prospective applicant charter schools that they intend to apply for CSFP new construction or rehabilitation funding. The new construction notification will include a requirement to update new construction eligibility to the current 2024/2025 enrollment year. Additionally, school districts that intend to apply themselves for CSFP new construction funding will be required to update new construction eligibility to the current 2024/2025 enrollment year. School districts are encouraged to submit their Forms SAB 50-01 for the CSFP Application Filing Round as soon as possible to ensure timely processing of applications.

Career Technical Education Facilities Program (CTEFP) Round 7

On May 22, 2025, OPSC, the California Department of Education (CDE), and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) held a joint agency webinar to assist with the application process. The webinar can be accessed on both OPSC's webpage and [YouTube](#) page. For more information, please visit the [Career Technical Education Facilities Funding webpage](#) or contact OPSCCTEFP@dgs.ca.gov.

CDE is currently accepting Grant Applications through December 1, 2025. Applicants must have an approved CDE Grant Application with a score of 105 or higher to be eligible for funding. Upon receiving a passing score, applications for funding are then due to OPSC no later than June 30, 2026.

REGULATORY AMENDMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM/PROPOSITION 2 IMPLEMENTATION

The following Proposition 2 regulations are now in effect:

- Financial Hardship
- Modernization Eligibility for Public Schools Located on Military Installations
- Eligible Expenditures (New Grant Agreement)
- New Construction Eligibility Lock for Small School Districts
- Matching Shares
- Modernization Supplemental Grant for 75 Years or Older Buildings
- Modernization Supplemental Grant for Minimum Essential Facilities
- Modernization Supplemental Grant for Transitional Kindergarten Facilities

August 19, 2025 Board Meeting

At its August 19, 2025, meeting, the Board approved Staff's recommendation to adopt the SFP regulatory amendments, *Application for Natural Disaster Assistance* (Form SAB 195), Grant Agreement, amendments to the *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05), and adopt the policy for the five-year school facilities master plan requirement on an emergency basis for Natural Disaster Assistance applications.

On October 1, OPSC provided a Notice of the Proposed Emergency Action. To view the related documents, please go to OPSC's website [here](#), scroll down to School Facility Program under "Pending Regulatory Changes," and click on the links for the Assembly Bill 1302 Emergency Notice, the Finding of Emergency, the proposed regulation text, the two associated forms (Form SAB 50-05 and the new Form SAB 195), and the two new Grant Agreements.

After submission of the proposed regulation to the OAL, the OAL shall allow interested persons five calendar days to submit comments on the proposed regulation.

UPCOMING PRIORITY FUNDING FILING ROUND OPENS NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The 30th Priority Funding (PF) Filing Round will open on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, and will close on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to submit PF requests electronically through OPSC Online. OPSC will continue to accept PF Requests that are emailed as a PDF attachment or mailed as a hard copy to the office. Reminder letters with instructions on how to submit the PF Requests will be sent out to applicants with eligible projects at the beginning of November. These requests will be valid from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. For more information, please contact OPSCPriorityFunding@dgs.ca.gov.

DECOMMISSIONING OF WEB-BASED ENROLLMENT PROJECTION CALCULATOR

To determine a school district's initial eligibility for new construction funding or to update its existing eligibility under the SFP, a district must complete an *Enrollment Projection/Certification* (Form SAB 50-01). This Form generates a fifth-year or tenth-year enrollment projection. There were two online enrollment projection calculators provided by OPSC. The most recent version is embedded within the OPSC Online Application and is accessed by clicking on the "Enrollment Projection" module. The second projection calculator was housed on OPSC's website.

OPSC will be decommissioning this web-based version of the enrollment calculator in the near future once the OPSC Online enrollment calculator is finished being tested for recent updates to ensure optimal functionality. To maximize resources, OPSC will only support the enrollment calculator within OPSC Online going forward, which may be accessed [here](#). There is help text available throughout the calculator by clicking on the question mark icons. Additionally, OPSC Staff are available to assist with any questions.

90-DAY NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION PROCESSING

Staff sent out notifications to the District Representative and Superintendent via email approximately 90 days prior to the anticipated start of processing funding applications for applications received within a certain time frame. Below is the current due date for the 90-Day Notification Responses:

- Notifications sent on 8/1/2025 for applications received from 2/28/2023 – 3/17/2023 are due 10/30/2025.
- Notifications sent on 9/2/2025 for applications received from 3/19/2023 – 4/14/2023 are due 12/1/2025.
- Notifications sent on 10/1/2025 for applications received from 4/18/2023 – 5/3/2023 are due 12/30/2025.

OPSC is continuing to process applications for funding and providing a 90-Day Notification, while monitoring the available SFP funding authority. Please note that receipt of this 90-Day Notification and/or the processing of the District's application after this 90-day period does not guarantee that there will be sufficient authority for these particular applications.

Reminders

OPSC ONLINE HANDS-ON ASSISTANCE

At the July 24, 2025, stakeholder meeting, OPSC proposed regulations to mandate the use of OPSC Online beginning in 2026 to streamline processing, eliminate redundancy, reduce errors, and improve accessibility. The meeting recording can be viewed on OPSC's YouTube page [here](#). Please note, OPSC Staff are available to provide hands-on assistance to school districts and interested parties using OPSC Online. Staff can connect with you via video conferencing software applications including Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Cisco WebEx, and Google Meet. To request assistance, please contact your County's assigned Project Manager in the Resources section of [OPSC Online](#), after logging in.

FACILITY INSPECTION TOOL (FIT)

Effective March 13, 2025, OPSC no longer has access to the software platform that hosts the web-based Facility Inspection Tool (FIT), and is working on integrating it into [OPSC Online](#). In the interim, [Adobe PDF](#) and [Microsoft Excel](#) versions of the FIT are available on OPSC's website. If you previously used the web-based form, OPSC can extract the data to a .csv file for your convenience to transfer over to the other formats. To request a copy of your school district's data, the request must come from an Authorized District Representative on file with OPSC, the Superintendent, or the user who submitted the web-based form. For questions, please contact OPSCCommunications@dgs.ca.gov.

OPSC anticipates discussing the FIT at a future stakeholder meeting on October 30, 2025, as a result of the California State Auditor's (CSA) [report](#) published November 13, 2024. There will be a series of meetings to collaborate with stakeholders to review the recommendations made in the CSA report with the goal of enhancing the FIT.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) AND THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA) APPROVALS

Per Education Code, to receive an apportionment, the plan approvals from CDE and DSA *must be valid*. The DSA plan approvals expire after four years unless construction of the project has commenced. Projects with expired DSA plan approvals must obtain updated approvals prior to the presentation to the Board for an apportionment, or the application will be revoked. If the DSA plan approvals expire after the projected Apportionment date but before fund release, the District will be eligible to receive an apportionment but must be able to demonstrate that it has entered into construction contracts upon submittal of a *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05).

Deadlines cannot be extended, therefore, if plans will expire during that time, the District may need to seek updated approvals now. OPSC Staff encourages districts to verify the status of the project's DSA plan approval upon receipt of the 90-day notification. Please discuss any change to the scope of the original project, excluding required code updates, with your OPSC Project Manager. Changes of project scope may affect project eligibility and funding.

UPDATES TO DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

The requests to change District Representatives for authorizing who may sign and submit official program forms must be based on Board of Education resolutions that clearly acknowledge the designee can act on all aspects of our programs, including applying for grants, certification of program compliance, etc. This commitment extends long after the project is completed. These requirements vary by program and are articulated on each program's forms. The school district must follow all statutes and regulations outside of the rules that govern the OPSC/SAB programs, such as Public Contract Code (PCC) and Government Code. To authorize a new District Representative, an [Eligibility Determination \(Form SAB 50-03\)](#) must be submitted with Part I filled out, listing the new representatives and their contact information, alongside the school board resolution naming the authorized individuals.

All newly submitted school board resolutions must be specific to SAB-administered programs. OPSC published a school board resolution template that has language related only to naming of District Representative. Any specifics related to application submittals, or anything else would need to be amended in this template as applicable or passed on a separate resolution. For more information and a link to the sample school board resolution, please visit OPSC's website [here](#).

VIRTUAL SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM (SFP) TRAINING SERIES

The OPSC conducted a series of free Virtual SFP Training Series in 2021 to further enhance the ability to access SAB programs. The presentations are available 24/7 and can be accessed on the [OPSC Virtual Training Series](#) webpage or on [OPSC's YouTube channel](#). If you have suggestion for other topics, they can be submitted to OPSCCommunications@dgs.ca.gov.

DGS/OPSC EMAIL BLASTS

The DGS and OPSC use email distribution service through GovDelivery.com. Using one email address, subscribers can subscribe to any email list under DGS. All school district superintendents and authorized school district representatives are encouraged to sign up to receive email notifications of upcoming meetings, key dates, and reminders. The signup link is under "Contact" on OPSC's website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Contact>.

Upcoming State Allocation Board Meeting

UPCOMING STATE ALLOCATION BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The time and location of the meeting will be determined and announced on the OPSC webpage. Stakeholders may attend in person or remotely (by viewing the webcast from a link on OPSC's [meetings webpage](#)). Public comment may be submitted in writing prior to the meetings or may be made in person at the end of the meetings' agenda.

Status of Funds

Remaining Bond Authority (as of August 19, 2025) (includes Unfunded Approvals) (\$ in millions)

Proposition 2	New Construction (NC)	NC Small School District	Modernization (Mod)	Mod Small School District	Mod Lead in Water Remediation	Career Tech (CTE)	Charter School (Charter)
Total	2,684.8	330.0	2,854.2	400.0	115.0	594.3	594.3

Assembly Bill 181	General Fund FY 22/23	General Fund FY 23/24
Total	0.0	0.0

Proposition	NC	Mod	CTE	Charter	Overcrowding Relief	Seismic Repair
51	3.5*	4.4*	10.1	2.0	N/A	N/A
1D	0.0*	0.0	0.1	7.5*	6.4	0.1*
55	1.8*	0.0	N/A	3.0	N/A	N/A
47	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.3	N/A	N/A
1A	0.0	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	5.3*	4.4*	10.2	12.8*	6.4	0.1*

* Total authority is not available at this time due to outstanding accounts receivable. Proposition 51 \$2,011,385 for New Construction and \$330,538 for Modernization. Proposition 1D \$24,497 for New Construction, \$84,107 for Seismic, \$93,178 for Charter School, and Proposition 55 \$1,461,909 for New Construction.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEYOND BOND AUTHORITY (ARBBA)

SFP bond authority for New Construction projects is currently sufficient for all New Construction funding applications received by OPSC to date. Therefore, when submitting New Construction funding applications, a school board resolution acknowledging that remaining SFP bond authority is currently exhausted is no longer required and these applications will not be placed on the ARBBA List.

However, requests for Modernization projects currently exceed the available bond authority and will be placed on the ARBBA List. SFP Regulations require that applications placed on this list must contain a school board resolution that includes several acknowledgements per SFP Regulation Section 1859.95.1. Multiple applications from one district can be covered in one single school board resolution. OPSC will undergo an intake review to ensure that required documents have been submitted with the application, but OPSC will not review to confirm program eligibility or process the application further unless bond authority becomes available for the project.

As of September 30, 2025, OPSC received the following for the ARBBA List*:

- Modernization – 322 applications. Total requested - \$1,169,998,422

It should be noted that health and safety projects, specifically Facility Hardship and Seismic Mitigation Program projects, are placed at the top of the SFP Workload List.

*The number of projects and total requested excludes applications that have been identified as duplicate submittals to a previously received application that has not yet been processed.

Resources

EXECUTIVE ORDER – CONTRACTOR AND GRANTEE COMPLIANCE WITH ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued EO N-6-22 in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine, accessible [here](#). OPSC notified participants in the SFP and other SAB programs that compliance with the economic sanctions is required, and failure to comply may result in the termination of contracts or grants. For OPSC inquiries please contact Michael Watanabe at Michael.Watanabe@dgs.ca.gov or (279) 946-8463, and for concerns on DGS contracts, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at DGSPublicAffairs@dgs.ca.gov.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS (EFT) AVAILABLE FOR REMITTANCES DUE TO OPSC

OPSC accepts electronic fund transfers of payments due to the State. If a remitter wishes to send the funds electronically through EFT or Wire Transfer, please reach out to OPSCAccountsReceivable@dgs.ca.gov for instructions.

EMAILING DOCUMENTS AND RECEIVING CONFIRMATION

To simplify the submissions of documents electronically to the OPSC, school districts can email all documents to OPSC Application Review Team (ART) at: OPSCApplicationReviewTeam@dgs.ca.gov

A Team member will email acknowledgement receipts for all submittals. The document types listed below should be emailed to OPSCApplicationReviewTeam@dgs.ca.gov. In addition, we encourage senders to carbon copy "cc" the intended program recipient listed in the table below; however, it is not required.

Document Type	CC NAME	CC EMAIL ADDRESS
NEW SUBMITTALS: <i>Enrollment Certification</i> (Form SAB 50-01) <i>Existing School Building Capacity</i> (Form SAB 50-02) <i>Eligibility Determination</i> (Form SAB 50-03) <i>Application for Funding</i> (Form SAB 50-04)		
90 Day Notification Responses – Cost Estimates	OPSC Cost Estimates	OPSCCostEstimates@dgs.ca.gov
90 Day Notification Responses – Eligibility Updates	Kevin Fok	Kevin.Fok@dgs.ca.gov
<i>Fund Release Authorization</i> (Form SAB 50-05) (SFP)	OPSC Fund Release Department	OPSCFundRelease@dgs.ca.gov
<u>Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program</u> <i>Application for Funding</i> (Form SAB 70-01) <i>Fund Release</i> (Form SAB 70-02) <i>Expenditure Report</i> (Form SAB 70-03)	OPSC Full-Day Kindergarten	DGSOPSCFullDayKindergarten@dgs.ca.gov
4/15/30-Day Letter Responses (Program/Audits)	Assigned Project Manager/ Auditor Reviewing your project	Assigned PM/Auditor's email address.
Facility Hardship	Lindsey Walden	Lindsey.Walden@dgs.ca.gov
Grant Agreements	OPSC Grant Agreements	OPSCGrantAgreements@dgs.ca.gov
Priority Funding Requests	Kelsie Muramoto and OPSC Priority Funding	Kelsie.Muramoto@dgs.ca.gov and OPSCPriorityFunding@dgs.ca.gov
Substantial Progress Checklists / <i>Expenditure Reports</i> (Form SAB 50-06)	Sue Reese	Suzanne.Reese@dgs.ca.gov
Financial Hardship	Jason Hernandez	Jason.Hernandez@dgs.ca.gov
<i>Appeal Requests</i> (Form SAB 189)	Michael Watanabe	Michael.Watanabe@dgs.ca.gov
<i>Modification of Unused Site Status</i> (Form SAB 424)	Ryan Malloy	Ryan.Malloy@dgs.ca.gov

For any questions or to obtain current OPSC contacts, please refer to OPSC's [Directory of Services](#) located in OPSC Online.