



Office of Public School Construction

STAFF TO THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD

August 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, January through June stakeholder meetings can be accessed on the Proposition 2 webpage here: [Proposition 2 - Assembly Bill 247](#).

Below is a list of meetings held in July for the following topics:

- **Stakeholder Meeting #13 (July 10, 2025):** Continued discussion on Proposition 2 topic: Career Technical Education (CTE) Supplemental Grant for Modernization. Continued discussion on non-Proposition 2 topic: Second Round Modernization. Here is a link to the meeting recording on OPSC's [YouTube](#) page.:
- **Stakeholder Meeting #14 (July 24, 2025):** Discussed proposed regulations regarding mandatory OPSC Online usage and continued discussion on Interim Housing and Natural Disaster Assistance. Here is a link to the meeting recording on OPSC's [YouTube](#) page.

The agendas for all stakeholder meetings can be accessed on OPSC's website under the Resources tab, under Proposition 2 – Assembly Bill 247 [here](#). Please note, Stakeholder Meeting #15, originally scheduled for August 7, 2025, was postponed and the next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025. After discussion with stakeholders, staff will present recommendations to the Board, followed by submitting emergency 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 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 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 Thursday, 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 school districts 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.

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](#).

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.

EMERGENCY REGULATORY AMENDMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM/PROPOSITION 2 IMPLEMENTATION

March 26, 2025, Board Meeting

The first set of Proposition 2 regulations (approved by the Board in March 2025) are now in effect. These new regulations incorporate the following Proposition 2 provisions:

- The maximum level of total bonding capacity a school district can have to automatically qualify for financial hardship assistance increased to \$15 million.
- The timeframe for requiring revalidation of small school districts' new construction enrollment projections was extended to five years;
- Amendments were added to determine modernization eligibility for school facilities located on a military installation that are the recipient of a federal grant for facilities modernization that requires a local matching share; and
- A new *Grant Agreement [Proposition 2]* was established to reflect additional eligible expenditures added by Proposition 2.

Additionally, the new regulations include the addition of the Board's longstanding policy and process authorizing bridge financing as a tool for interfund borrowing for school districts applying for Financial Hardship assistance. The new regulations can be found [here](#) or on OPSC's webpage under the Resources tab under Laws and Regulations for State Allocation Board-Administered Programs.

June 25, 2025, Board Meeting

At its meeting on June 25, 2025, the Board approved staff recommendations for the adoption of SFP regulatory amendments, on an emergency basis, specific to the Proposition 2 topics of:

- Matching Shares
- 75 Years or Older Supplemental Grant
- Supplemental Grant for Minimum Essential Facilities (MEF)
- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Supplemental Grant

The regulatory amendments are currently in the process of submission to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Once OAL posts the notice of the filing, there will be an opportunity for public comment of five calendar days on its website.

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 6/2/2025 for applications received from 11/3/2022 – 1/20/2023 are due 8/31/2025.
- Notifications sent on 7/1/2025 for applications received from 1/23/2023 – 2/27/2023 are due 9/29/2025.
- Notifications sent on 8/1/2025 for applications received from 2/28/2023 – 3/17/2023 are due 10/30/2025.

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.

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 the CDE and the 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, so 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.

Reminders

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 in October 2025 as a result of the California State Auditor's [report](#) published November 13, 2024. There will be a series of meetings to collaborate with stakeholders with the goal of enhancing the FIT.

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 sign up 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 Tuesday, August 19, 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 June 25, 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	2,759.9	330.0	2,915.2	400.0	115.0	594.3	594.3

Assembly Bill 181	General Fund FY 22/23	General Fund FY 23/24
Total	0.0 ^B	177.5 ^A

Proposition	NC	Mod	CTE	Charter	Overcrowding Relief	Seismic Repair
51	1.4 ^B	3.0 ^B	9.9	1.8	N/A	N/A
1D	0.0 ^B	0.0	0.1	7.5 ^B	6.4	0.0
55	1.8 ^B	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	3.2 ^B	3.0 ^B	10	12.6 ^B	6.4	0.0

- A. The Governor’s 2025-26 May Revision Budget proposes decreasing \$177.5 million in General Fund FY 2023-24 due to a projected budget shortfall.
- B. Total authority is not available at this time due to outstanding accounts receivable. General Fund FY 22/23 \$15,640; Proposition 51 \$1,404,491 for New Construction and \$1,539 for Modernization; Proposition 1D \$24,497 for New Construction and \$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 July 31, 2025, OPSC received the following for the ARBBA List*:

- Modernization – 244 applications. Total requested - \$988,272,724

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.