EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATEMENT
State Allocation Board Meeting, September 19, 2012

BRAWLEY EARTHQUAKE – OUTREACH

Starting on Saturday, August 24, the town of Brawley in Imperial County experienced a swarm of earthquakes, including one with a 5.5-magnitude, which damaged schools and other structures. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and the Division of the State Architect (DSA) have contacted Brawley Elementary and Brawley Union High School Districts to provide outreach. The OPSC is currently working with the two districts to determine if they qualify for funding under the School Facility Program. Staff is also making arrangements to visit the school districts in the next few weeks.

FUND RELEASES FOR JUNE 2012 PRIORITY FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS

At the June 27, 2012 meeting, the Board approved $637.6 million in priority funding apportionments for 196 projects in 96 school districts. As of September 14, 2012, the OPSC has received fund release requests for $526.8 million for 161 projects, and nearly $444.1 million has been released for 145 projects. Staff has reached out to the remaining districts by calling and sending letters reminding them of the fund release submittal deadline.

Districts that received a priority funding apportionment on June 27, 2012 must complete a *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) containing an original signature, and submit it to the OPSC by **Tuesday, September 25, 2012**. If the Form SAB 50-05 is not physically received at the OPSC by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 2012, the project will be rescinded without further Board action and will receive a new Unfunded Approval date of September 25, 2012. The OPSC would like to once again remind school districts of this critical deadline. We encourage school districts to contact us immediately if they have any questions or need assistance in submitting the required documentation.

PENDING FACILITY HARDSHIP APPLICATIONS

As of August 31, 2012, the OPSC has received five Facility Hardship funding applications, representing $6.9 million in requests that are beyond the available bond authority. In August 2010, the Board took action to place all Facility Hardship (health and safety) funding applications at the top of the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans). The Board discussed reserving bond authority for conceptual approvals; the motion was not supported. However, the board has not taken up the issue of reserving bond authority for Facility Hardship funding applications received after bond authority for new construction or modernization program has been exhausted. If the Board would like to consider reserving bond authority for Facility Hardship funding applications, Staff could bring an item to the October meeting for discussion.