EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATEMENT
State Allocation Board Meeting, November 25, 2014

STATUS OF FUND RELEASES FOR PRIORITY FUNDING APPORTIONMENTS

On August 20, 2014, the Board approved $100.2 million in priority funding apportionments for 34 projects and 21 school districts. Those school districts that received a priority funding apportionment are required to submit a valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) containing an original signature by Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

As of November 14, 2014, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) received 24 Forms SAB 50-05 in the amount of $38.1 million. Three projects received automatic fund releases and did not require the submittal of Form SAB 50-05. These three projects represent a total of $940,865 in apportionments.

Districts that fail to provide their Form SAB 50-05 (physically received) to OPSC by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, the project will either be returned to the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) with a new approval date of November 18, 2014 or will be rescinded without further Board action depending on whether or not the school district has already received one of these occurrences for non-participation.

PRIORITY FUNDING FILING ROUND

The current priority funding filing period began on November 12, 2014 and will close on December 11, 2014. Priority funding requests with original signatures must be physically received by OPSC before the close of business on December 11, 2014. These requests will be valid from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

There are currently 64 projects for 33 school districts on the Unfunded List (Lack of AB 55 Loans) totaling $157.7 million that could submit a request for participation in this filing round. As of Friday, November 14, 2014, Staff has received 14 requests from 6 school districts in the amount of $20,172,684.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PRIORITY FUNDING

OPSC reminds school districts that the requirements for Participation in the Priority Funding Process are in effect (SFP Regulation Section 1859.90.3). There are two ways for a school district to not participate in the priority funding process as follows:

- Not submit a valid priority funding request in the 30-day filing period, or
- Submit a valid priority funding request but fail to submit a valid *Fund Release Authorization* (Form SAB 50-05) to request the release of funds after the Board approves an apportionment.

The second time that either of these occurs, the funding for the project will be rescinded without further action by the Board. For additional information, please refer to the Procedures for School Facility Program Funding.

NEWLY UPDATED STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION WEBSITE

Recently, OPSC, Division of the State Architect and the California Department of Education came together with the goal to improve the preexisting joint-agency website and create a one-stop web portal that would facilitate Districts obtaining information on State-funded projects. The web portal provides a high level overview and flowchart of the process a State funded public school project, as well as links to pertinent areas and of each agency's website where information is kept fresh and continuously updated.

The internet address of the new joint-agency website is: www.calschoolconstruction.ca.gov and is now active and ready for use.

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OVERCROWDED RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

At the August 2014 meeting, the Board directed Staff to continue processing funding applications for the Overcrowded Relief Grant (ORG) Program that were received in the 12th funding cycle. As part of this agenda, Staff presents two applications for unfunded approvals for the Long Beach Unified and Santa Ana Unified School Districts. The two projects total approximately $20 million in ORG funding, which nearly depletes the remaining bond authority for the program.