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State Allocation Board Defers Action on Proposal to Cease Accepting Applications

On Wednesday June 27, 2018 the State Allocation Board (Board) deferred action on a proposed regulation to cease accepting applications once bond authority has been exhausted. Approval of this proposal would essentially eliminate the School Facility Program (SFP) for projects outside of Proposition 51 bond authority. New Construction Proposition 51 bond authority is expected to be exhausted by October 2018, and Modernization bond authority is expected to be exhausted by September 2019.

CASH urged the Board to defer action and to thoroughly vet the proposal and its significant impacts. Chair Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez stated that she would like the proposal to come back before the Board in August 2018, and indicated that she intends to involve stakeholders in the review process.

The Office of Public School Construction has since announced a meeting to receive stakeholder input and it will be held on July 11, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol in Room 447.

CASH thanks all of our members who wrote or called legislators, and those who attended the Board meeting to request the deferral. It is clear that the future of the SFP is in question. This is why it is essential that CASH members and the school community participate in the discussion over the next few months. CASH will be calling on our members to directly engage in efforts to preserve the SFP. An analysis and more detail about the proposed regulation can be found at www.cashnet.org/news.

Governor Signs Budget – Bond Sale Amount and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

On June 27, 2018, the Governor signed the FY 2018-19 Budget Act, which includes \$138.6 billion in General Fund spending, with total reserves exceeding \$15.9 billion. The Governor did not use his “blue pencil” line item veto authority strike any appropriations from the budget. Major items for the school facilities community include the following:

Proposition 51 Bond Sale Authorization

The budget includes \$640 million in Proposition 51 bond sales for FY 2018-19. This was the amount originally proposed by the Governor in January. Both the Senate and Assembly had approved \$1.5 billion for 2018-19 and the following three years, however this amount was reduced in final budget negotiations between the “Big Three” (the Governor, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon). While CASH is disappointed in this outcome, we recognize and appreciate all of the effort our members made to raise awareness about the issue, and the inadequacy of the Governor’s proposal to meet the needs of California’s students. We are pivoting to the leadership transition that will occur after the election in November, with a focus on increasing the bond sale amount for FY 2019-20 under the leadership of a new Governor and Administration.

Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

The budget includes a new program to provide \$100 million (one-time non-Proposition 98 General Fund) for grants to fund full-day kindergarten facilities. The outline of the program is included in AB 1808, the education budget trailer bill.



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Here are some of the key points we know at this time about the program:

- *Governance* – The State Allocation Board will draft regulations to implement the program, and allocate grant funds.
- *Use of Funds* – Grant dollars will be used to construct new facilities or retrofit existing facilities.
- *Eligibility* – School districts that lack facilities to provide full-day kindergarten, per existing requirements in Educate Code Sections 17071.25 and 17072.10 or design requirements for new kindergarten classrooms in Title 5.
- *Matching Share* – Mirroring the School Facility Program, the district must provide a 50% match for new construction or a 40% match for retrofit. Maximum grant amounts will be the same as those for the SFP new construction and modernization program.
- *Priority* – Shall be given to applicants who are financially unable to contribute their full matching share and meets Financial Hardship requirements, or are located in an underserved community with a high population of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals.

Legislative Update

The Legislature will adjourn for summer recess on July 6, reconvening in Sacramento for the final legislative push on August 6. Bills are now being considered in the second house, and recently faced a deadline for bills with a potential state fiscal impact to pass out of policy committees by June 29. Below is an update on a selection of bills and other policy issues.

AB 195 Local Bond Ballot Labels

CASH has been actively working on a fix to AB 195 (Obernolte), which was chaptered into law in 2017. Left uncorrected, AB 195 will have a significant chilling effect on local bonds. Originally CASH was advocating for an exemption for local bonds; during the budget process, we were successful in getting a budget trailer bill, SB 863, introduced, which provides a two-year suspension to the local bond provisions of AB 195. This would allow time to pursue a permanent solution in the regular legislative process in 2019, while preserving the ability of local agencies to place bonds on the November 2018 ballot.

Because of the Legislature's impending recess, the window of opportunity for a November 2018 fix will likely close the week of July 2. CASH and our coalition partners are making a final push to encourage the Governor to support the temporary suspension. Both houses of the Legislature have signaled their support for the fix.

Adding a wrinkle to this issue, Assembly Member Obernolte amended one of his bills, AB 6, to double down on the AB 195 requirements for local bonds, asking for that bill to be used as a vehicle to address the issue. CASH opposed AB 6 as it is too late in the process to use a traditional bill in time to preserve November bonds.

Specifically, AB 195 requires a local ballot measure that imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax, including a local bond, to include on the ballot label the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied. This is misleading and confusing to voters when applied to bonds, and recent polling and outcomes from the June 2018 election reflect that confusion. Many bonds see a drop in support of over 10% when AB 195 language is added to the ballot label, pushing many below the threshold required for passage.



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SB 831 (Wieckowski) – Accessory Dwelling Units/Developer Fees

As introduced, this bill revises and expands law governing accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and included a provision that would eliminate/cap the ability for local agencies including schools to charge developer impact fees. CASH and other school organizations opposed SB 831 (as well as SB 229/Wieckowski and AB 2890/Ting which are essentially identical). After strong objections from municipal and school organizations, the provision to eliminate/cap was removed from the bill (as well as the companion bills), and CASH has removed its opposition.

AB 1747 (Rodriguez) – School Safety Plans/Active Shooter Training

This bill requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide additional guidance and oversight on school safety plans and requires all schools to conduct active shooter training. The statewide school organizations have not taken official positions on the bill, but are working with the author to address implementation issues. This bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday June 27th.

AB 2570 (Nazarian) – Green Cleaning Products

AB 2570 requires school districts to purchase environmentally preferable cleaning products when available by 2021-22. It authorizes a school district to deplete its existing cleaning and maintenance supply stocks and implement the new requirements in the next procurement cycle. If a school district determines that it is not economically feasible to purchase environmentally preferable cleaning products, the school district can submit a letter to the California Department of Education (CDE) and the school governing board annually until it determines that it is economically feasible. School organizations have not taken an official position on the bill but worked successfully with the author to push out the implementation timeline and assist small school districts. This bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday June 27th.

AB 3205 (O'Donnell) – Interior Door Locks

For school facilities constructed before January 1, 2012, this bill requires school districts with modernization projects under the School Facility Program (SFP) to include interior locks as part of the project. Inclusion of interior locks is currently a requirement for New Construction projects. This bill was approved by the Senate Education Committee on Wednesday June 27th.

CASH Technical Trainings on Eligibility and Funding OPSC Forms

Is your school district or county office in need of school facilities staff training? CASH is offering new training programs to assist you! The first series of technical trainings will focus on OPSC forms determining eligibility and funding applications. These trainings are designed to be a quick and low-cost way to train your staff.

What's included in the trainings?

- Hands-on learning from a single instructor on school facility topics important to school districts and county offices of education.
- Complimentary introductory webinar with online resources to prepare you for the in-person day of training.
- Certificate of completion upon the conclusion of the training.

For more information and to register for the Technical Trainings, visit the CASH website.



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Join your Fellow School Facility Professionals at a CASH Networking Mixer!

Mixers take place across California and are open to all school facilities professionals, no RSVP required.

Thursday, July 19, 2018 - Oceanside

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Bagby Beer Company
601 South Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

Sponsored by:

Davy Architecture | Lusardi Construction Company | J&R Engineering and Consulting

Thursday, August 16, 2018 – Redondo Beach

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Bluewater Grill
665 N Harbor Drive
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Sponsored by: Atkinson Loya Ruud & Romo | Balfour Beatty | DLR Group

Questions about the CASH Networking Mixers? Please contact Mike Vail at (949) 498-8993 or mgvailsancllemente@sbcglobal.net.

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