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UPDATE

AB 48 (O'Donnell) – 2020 School Bond Bill – Passed by Assembly Policy Committees

AB 48 had its first two legislative hearings and was passed by the Assembly Education Committee on April 10 and the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 23. Thank you to all our members who submitted letters in support of a 2020 bond. It's not too late to join the effort! Go to the Advocacy tab on the CASH home page for a letter template, and submit support letters to Aileen Dalen in the CASH office at adalen@m-w-h.com.

The bill has been amended to reflect a number of programs and policy priorities. To date, AB 48 remains silent on the dollar amount, however an amount may be added in order for it to pass out of Assembly Appropriations Committee by May 17, the next legislative deadline.

AB 48 currently includes the following:

- Authorizes two bonds, in March 2020 and November 2022.
- Funds the eligibility-based new construction and modernization programs with state/local matches of 50/50 and 60/40, respectively.
- New programs:
 - o Replacement of 75 year-old buildings at the new construction grant amount.
 - o Lead mitigation program to test for lead in water fountains and faucets, and to replace fountains and faucets if the results exceed 15 parts per billion. Remaining funds could be used to replace pipes or other fixtures.
 - o Natural disaster interim housing in response to states of emergency.
- Small school district assistance, including a technical assistance office, advance design apportionments, and an option to reserve bond authority through a preliminary and final apportionment.
- Updates financial hardship qualifying criteria, to increase the bonding capacity from \$5 million to \$10 million or less.
- Allows Joint-Use projects to fund new facilities, including preschools, wellness centers, and theaters; remove teacher education facilities.

Issues still to be negotiated include:

- Possibly expanding the bill to include preschool, UC, and/or CSU.
- Developer fees.
- Dollar amounts for charter schools and Career Technical Education facilities.

CASH continues to participate in the stakeholder process and to support the development of AB 48. We are advocating for additional technical refinements such as streamlining, increased efficiency, and more frequent apportionments.

AB 1028 (Gonzalez) – Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39)

As introduced, this bill makes programmatic improvements and includes \$300 million to continue the successful K-14 school program to install energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. AB 1028 has been approved by both the Assembly Utilities and Energy and Assembly Labor and Employment Committees, and is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Recently, the bill has been amended to retain the technical provisions but move the request for \$300 million to the state budget process. CASH supports the amended AB 1028, as well the request for a \$300 million budget appropriation for school energy efficiency projects.



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Housing Legislation

CASH and other stakeholders have been working with several Legislators to ensure that plans to direct local property tax funds to housing won't have a negative impact on education funding. Unlike last year, almost all of the bill authors have committed to making any amendments necessary to hold education harmless. One bill we continue to watch is SB 50 (Wieckowski). Amendments were announced in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee last week which will merge this bill with SB 4 (McGuire). Senator McGuire has stated his interest in revisiting the issue of limitations on development impact fees collected by LEAs after the mid-Summer release of a study by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Proposition 51 Bond Sales

The window has closed for additional Proposition 51 bond sales in the current fiscal year. In January, we learned that Governor Newsom had proposed to sell \$1.5 billion in Proposition 51 bonds in 2019-20. In more recent meetings and legislative budget hearings, representatives for the Department of Finance have stated that the Governor plans to sell that amount in successive years until bond funds have been exhausted, and that the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) is expected to apportion that each year.

State Budget

Each year in mid-May, the Governor releases a revised version of his January Budget, reflecting the most current fiscal information and with some proposals further developed. This is referred to as the May Revision.

The Senate and Assembly budget subcommittees are completing their initial review of the Governor's January Budget, and are gearing up for the fast-paced and truncated process of reviewing the May Revision. The budget subcommittees will examine their respective assignments, then the full Senate and Assembly Budget committees will approve their house's version of the Budget bill. Any differences will be worked out in Conference Committee. Legislative leaders will be meeting with the Governor throughout this process. The bill that comes out of conference committee will have the support of the Governor and leaders of both houses. The California Constitution requires the State Budget to be approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor by midnight on June 15th.

CASH continues to advocate for expedited sale of Proposition 51 bonds, and a return to internal state borrowing (AB 55 loans) in the State School Facilities Program.

Cal/OSHA Proposed Regulations on Wildfire Smoke

The California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) has drafted regulations intended to protect employees from wildfire smoke. The proposed regulations require specified actions to be taken in workplaces where the Air Quality Index (AQI) for PM2.5 is greater than 150 (regardless of the AQI for other pollutants) according to wildfire smoke advisories issued by local, regional, state or federal government. While CASH applauds Cal/OSHA's effort to establish guidelines for how to respond to wildfire smoke, as presently drafted the regulations would negatively affect schools (require N95 respirators which do not fit children very well, upgrade to MERV 13 filters which can overtax older HVAC systems, not all regions of the state have monitors to measure PM2.5, the timeline and specifics for the required training is unspecified).



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CASH has submitted a joint letter with the County Schools Facility Consortium (CSFC) to express these concerns, request a longer implementation timeline for schools, and offer assistance ensuring the regulations work for schools.

2020 Annual Conference: Call for Workshop Proposals

CASH is now accepting proposals from all members for education sessions at the 2020 Annual Conference. For more information, please visit the CASH website Annual Conference page. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 17, 2019.

Upcoming Networking Mixers

Join your fellow school facility professionals at a CASH Networking Mixer! These mixers are open to all school facilities professionals, no RSVP required.

The Canyon Grill and Alehouse, Folsom

Wednesday, May 22

5:00-7:00 p.m.
9580 Oak Avenue
Folsom, CA 95630

Sponsored by: Rainforth Grau Architects | Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.

Inland Empire 66ers of San Bernardino*

Thursday, June 27

6:00-7:30 p.m.
280 South E. Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Sponsored by: Pro-Craft Construction, Inc. | Caston, Inc. | K.A.R. Construction, Inc. | Rancho Pacific Electric

*Attendees will need to enter through the third baseline entrance; from there, they will confirm with a business card that they are with CASH and K-12.

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

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