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**AB 48 – 2020 School Bond Bill – First Hearing Scheduled; Your Support is Needed!**  
AB 48 has its first hearing in Assembly Education Committee on Wednesday, April 10. *We need your letters of support.*

All of the Proposition 51 new construction and modernization funding has been exhausted. Now is the time to show lawmakers why we need a new school bond in 2020, and your voice is important in this process. Go to the Advocacy tab on the CASH home page for a letter template. Submit letters to Aileen Dalen in the CASH office at [adalen@m-w-h.com](mailto:adalen@m-w-h.com).

CASH is participating in the stakeholder process evaluating the programs and language for AB 48. The bond currently does not have a specific dollar amount. Discussions are taking place regarding specific programs to address issues such as lead abatement, replacement of old facilities, and school safety and disaster response, and the possible inclusion of other education segments (preschool, UC and CSU). The bill will be debated and refined through the legislative process in 2019, with the goal of being placed on the March 2020 primary ballot.

Thank you in advance for your support!

**Budget Update: Proposition 51 Bond Sales and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program**

The Legislature is continuing its annual review of the Governor’s budget proposal, and CASH advocates are engaging in the budget subcommittee process on a number of issues that will impact school facilities.

*Proposition 51 Bond Sales and Program Administration*

The budget proposes \$1.5 billion in Proposition 51 bond sales in fiscal year 2019-20, and the Department of Finance has confirmed they expect the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to process School Facility Program (SFP) applications commensurate with that amount of funding in the same year. The budget also authorizes ten additional positions at OPSC to process SFP applications. Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Education Finance held its first hearing to discuss school facilities on March 26, 2019. Senator Mike McGuire (D-02) presented an alternative proposal that all remaining Proposition 51 bonds be sold and the corresponding projects apportioned in the budget year. The Legislative Analyst’s Office supported the \$1.5 billion in bond sales but argued that OPSC only needed two additional positions to manage the added workload.

CASH is advocating for expedited SFP apportionments through the budget process and at the State Allocation Board. Specifically, CASH is asking the State Allocation Board (SAB) to reinstitute use of the AB 55 loan process (internal state borrowing), apportion projects on a monthly basis, and hold PIF rounds every two months.

*Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program*

The budget proposes \$750 million in one-time, non-Proposition 98 General Fund to construct new or retrofit existing facilities for full-day kindergarten programs. At the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 hearing, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) recommended against expanding the grant program at this time and redirecting the funds for another one-time purpose, suggesting that the Legislature could revisit the proposal next year after the state has



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fully reviewed applications for the first year, which received \$100 million in FY 2018-19. The LAO's primary concern is that most of the applicants already operate full-day kindergarten programs, despite the intent of the program to incentivize districts to move from part-day to full-day programs. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) indicated that many of the applicant districts are operating full-day programs in facilities that were not designed to house kindergarten students.

Subcommittee members, joined by Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting, expressed a preference to target the funds to school districts that lack the resources to address the facilities issue on their own, such as Title I schools. Barbara Kampmeiner (OPSC) indicated that all the districts that will receive funding in Round 1 will be Financial Hardship districts. A second hearing will take place in Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education on April 25, 2019. The Department of Finance indicated they would like to align the program with the policy goal of reducing barriers to full-day kindergarten.

**Legislative Update**

The Legislature is now actively reviewing bill proposals through the committee hearing process, working toward the first major committee deadline of April 26, which is the last day to pass policy bills with a potential fiscal impact out of policy committee in the house of origin. Below is an update on a selection of bills on which CASH is engaging.

*AB 468 (Murasuchi) – Mandatory Organic Landscape Practices*

This bill prohibits the use of lawn care pesticides on outdoor spaces or playgrounds of school sites, and by January 1, 2021 use "organic landscaping practices" to be developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). This bill is intended to prohibit the use of Round Up and other weed abatement chemicals. CASH, CASBO, CSBA, ACSA and LAUSD submitted a joint oppose letter which argued that the existing Healthy Schools Act (HSA) is working, and that the bill does not make school sites more safe. The author has decided not to pursue the bill at this time.

*AB 1028 (Gonzalez) – Clean Energy Jobs Creation Act*

This bill appropriates \$300 million to the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund (formerly known as Proposition 39), includes provisions for employee training and energy managers, as well as incentives to use apprentices from state-approved and pre-apprenticeship programs. CASH supports AB 1028, which is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Education Committee on Wednesday April 3.

*SB 4 (McGuire & Beall) – Housing*

This bill currently caps development impact fees collected by local educational agencies for accessory dwelling units at \$3,000. The authors have committed to remove this provision, at least until the release a forthcoming study by the Department of Housing and Community Development on the impact of such fees on the production of affordable housing.

*SB 297 (Pan) – Approval of Plans*

This bill allows schools and community colleges to award construction contracts, but not perform any construction, prior to receiving plan approval from the State Architect. CASH supports SB 297. The bill was heard and approved in the Senate Education Committee on March 27.

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*Funding and Program for Water Fountain and Lead Pipe Replacement*

AB 48, which includes programmatic changes to the School Facility Program (SFP), will include a program to assist school districts with the cost replacing water fountains and lead pipes that contribute to lead water levels at or in excess of 15 parts per billion. The amount of funding and specific details are still being worked out.

*AB 195 Local Bond Language*

CASH continues to work toward a resolution on AB 195 (Obernolte) [2017]. This bill creates new ballot label requirements for local bonds, requiring the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and duration of the tax to be levied to be included on the 75-word ballot label. Despite our best efforts to find an author for a stand-alone measure in 2019, individual members were uninterested in being perceived as “anti-transparency.” CASH will continue to pursue a fix through the budget trailer bill process.

**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.

Urban Roots Brewery, Sacramento

**Tuesday, April 23**

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

1322 V Street

Sacramento, CA 95818

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Copper Blues, Oxnard

**Thursday, April 25**

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

591 Collection Blvd.

Oxnard, CA 93036

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Questions about the CASH Networking Mixers? Please contact Mike Vail at (949) 498-8993 or [mgvailsanclamente@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgvailsanclamente@sbcglobal.net).

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